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## Gaza Strip closure to be lifted today

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE closure of the Gaza Strip will be lifted today, the IDF announced yesterday.

The army said the ban, imposed following the killing of two soldiers at a Gaza checkpoint last Friday, will be lifted because the Palestinian Police will check Gazans' cars for weapons before the vehicles approach IDF troops.

"The closure order will be rescinded effective early Friday, because the Palestinian Police checkpoints will be functioning to check local cars for arms before they reach the Israeli checkpoints," the spokesman said.

Last Friday, gunmen in a speeding car shot two soldiers dead at a roadblock before fleeing to a Palestinian-ruled area.

The spokesman said restrictions that have kept most Palestinians from working in Israel since a wave of terror attacks last month would remain in effect.

An IDF soldier was lightly wounded yesterday when a patrol came under fire in Rafiah, the army said.

Palestinian policemen arrived on the scene and are investigating, the statement said.

Islamic Jihad said it had carried out the attack to avenge Saturday's kidnapping of Mustafa Dirani, one-time captor of Ron Arad.

## TASE up after 3-week decline

THE TASE rose almost three percent yesterday, reversing a three-week decline that wiped out nearly a fifth of its value. Traders had been expecting a correction upwards for several days.

The Two-Sided Index, a broad index of leading shares, rose by 2.98% while the Maof, a narrower index of 25 leading shares, rose by 3.19%.

There was heavy demand in the morning session and the indexes continued to rise throughout the day. Most leading shares ended with sharp gains despite some falls. Both mutual and provident funds were active in the market. Full report, Page 7

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A young member of Ma'aleh Levona holds a sign demanding an "End to apathy" yesterday as settlers march down Jerusalem's Jaffa Road, part of a week of protest aimed at galvanizing support against Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his policies. Forty of Ma'aleh Levona's 50 families are taking part in the vigil. The demonstration began on Tuesday, the end of the seven-day mourning period for Margalit Shohat, the Ma'aleh Levona resident killed by terrorists last week near Beit Haggai. (Text: Herb Keinson; Photo: Efraim Kibitok)

## Netzarim residents demonstrate 'to prove we are on the map'

HERB KEINON

SOME 70 residents from Netzarim in Gaza, about half the settlement's population, brought crates of tomatoes and a few chickens to a hill across from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's office yesterday to protest against his remark Wednesday that the settlement should cease to exist.

In reference to Netzarim during a briefing with journalists on Wednesday, Rabin said, "If that is a settlement, I am a thingamajig (kugaler)." Shlomo Kostener, the secretary of the settlement, said the purpose of the demonstration was "to prove that we are on the map."

The tomatoes and chickens were brought to show Rabin what this "non-settlement" produces, he said. Throughout the demonstration, Kostener held a ball-bearing, the literal translation of the word *kugaler*. Children from the settle-

ment, meanwhile, chanted "cock-a-doodle-doo, Netzarim is on the map," and sang Naomi Shemer's song "For All of These," which became the ballad of the campaign to stop the withdrawal from Yamit in 1982.

Netzarim resident Rachel Meshulam, who was feeding an infant from a bottle during part of the protest, said: "We want to show Rabin that we are a flourishing settlement of 30 families, and not — as he would have people believe — a settlement of just two or three families."

Meshulam said she believes most of the country supports settlement in Gaza "in their hearts, although the support might not be visible." Even if Meshulam were convinced that the country did not support settlement there, she said, "we will not cut our ties with Erez."

## Arafat to confirm Palestinian leaders

JON IMMANUEL

PLO leader Yasser Arafat was expected to announce 17 of the 24 members of the Palestinian Authority by today, thus setting in motion the civil administration of Gaza and Jericho.

But last night there were still questions regarding the participation of some nominees and the positions they would fill.

Meanwhile, Arafat asked a senior French lawyer to examine a draft of "the Constitution of Palestine" to be submitted for the approval of the Palestinian National Council during its next meeting.

The document has to be approved by all Palestinian political bodies before it will take effect. According to the text, published by the French right-wing daily *Le Figaro*, Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine.

Most nominees for the authority were in Tunis yesterday for discussions with Arafat and the PLO executive committee, which were to lead to an announcement.

Hanan Ashrawi, whose participation was confirmed by unidentified sources in Tunis yesterday, has not yet decided to join the authority, sources here close to Ashrawi said last night. However, she did go to Tunis.

Arafat succeeded in attracting one defection from the camp

championed by Dr. Haidar Abdel-Shafi, who opposes the Cairo agreement. Dr. Abdel-Hafiz Ashhab, a Hebron physician, had signed a petition on April 20 warning that the agreement then shaping up in Cairo would be considered "non-binding" by a Palestinian majority.

Saman Khouri, deputy director of the Palestinian Broadcasting Authority, said "many people such as Dr. Ashhab did struggle until the last moment to improve the agreement. At one point I also signed a petition, but I don't think it is binding. It is pressure applied to toughen negotiations."

However, Ghassan Khatib of the Palestine People's Party which has turned down Arafat's offers of a seat on the authority, said he found Ashhab's decision unacceptable.

Hamas, which was also approached, rejected an offer to participate, a statement issued in Amman yesterday said.

"Several attempts were made by the Fatah leadership and Arafat to allow Hamas to share equally with them in the administration authority in the self-rule areas," the statement said.

A senior official at PLO headquarters in Tunis said Arafat con-

firmed that he had invited Hamas to take part in the autonomy council, AP reported.

Freih Abu Meidin, head of the Gaza Bar Association, and the only lawyer among the 17 nominees, was quoted Wednesday in Jerusalem's Arabic daily *Al-Quds* as saying that 20 percent of 20,000 guns in Gaza were in the hands of political factions. They will not be confiscated or possibly even require a registered permit, he said, because settlers remained armed. But "there will be a dialogue to make sure they retain their purity," he said.

The 16 other identified participants include five doctors and dentists and four businessmen and economists. Faisal Hussein, Saeb Erakat, Sari Nusseibeh, Intissar Wazir, Yasser Amr, and Samir Ghoshe are well-known activists here and in Tunis.

Meanwhile, a leading member of the PLO's mainstream Fatah faction, in Damascus for talks with Palestinians opposed to the Israeli-PLO peace accord, yesterday called for Palestinian unity.

Palestinians are "on a crossroad and should consolidate their ranks in order not to fall prey to a hostile design," said Fatah central committee member Abbas Zaki.

Eldad Beck contributed to this report.

## UK lifts 12-year-old arms embargo

BRITAIN lifted a 12-year-old arms embargo against Israel yesterday.

Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said in response that he hopes Israeli industries would now be allowed to participate in British Defense Ministry tenders for the British military.

"The significance of its cancellation is that it had been very difficult for us to sell Israeli weapons in Britain, because in many cases there was a formal or informal condition that some of the components be British," he told Israeli Radio.

The decision brings Britain into line with other members of the European Union. France lifted its ban earlier this year.

The end of the embargo comes "in light of favorable developments in the Middle East peace process, in particular the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho," Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said in a letter to the House of Commons.

He said the government would

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DAVID MAKOVSKY  
and news agencies

consider all applications for arms sales to Israel on a case by case basis, according to the international guidelines to which Britain is committed.

Defense sources in Tel Aviv called the decision "favorable and positive" and said it would now enable Israel to sell Rafael-made Popeye air-to-air missiles to the Royal Air Force.

The embargo was imposed after the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, and Britain had made its cancellation conditional on progress toward a full withdrawal from Lebanese territory, including the security zone.

Israel purchased arms from Britain before 1982, but the defense relationship was always rocky.

It was Britain's refusal to sell Chieftain main battle tanks in the early 1970s which prompted the development of the Merkava, now considered the world's premier tank in most categories.

Hurd also said the UK govern-

ment is also ready to advocate ending an arms embargo against Syria, if Syria and Israel continue to make progress toward a peace.

"We lifted this embargo in recognition of the tangible progress made in the peace process," British Ambassador to Israel Andrew Burns said last night. "Withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho was a major step, and we welcome it."

"We anticipate more progress will follow, including the withdrawal from Lebanon. We are confident that this objective will be attained, because Israel says it has no territorial ambitions in Lebanon," Burns said.

The breakthrough on ending the British ban came during Beilin's trip to London last week, security sources said.

The sources claim that Britain originally wanted to link the lifting of the ban to withdrawal from Lebanon, but was persuaded by Beilin to change its mind.

Beilin's argument was that the pace of negotiations with Beirut is a function of negotiations with Damascus.

## Ben-Eliezer fires aide after Namir complaint

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

HOUSING Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer yesterday fired his political adviser and personal aide, Yossi Sitbon, following charges made by Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir that Sitbon and his brother, Rafi, an aide to Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar, threatened to end her political career.

Namir had complained to Ben-Eliezer and Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar that the threats made against her by their personal aides, Yossi and Rafi Sitbon, are the last move in an ongoing personal campaign of terror and mudslinging which they have been conducting against her in the press and elsewhere.

This campaign, Namir stated, has been going on for the past six months and her past complaints to the ministers on this matter had no effect on the brothers' behavior.

In a letter to the two ministers on Wednesday, Namir told Ben-Eliezer and Kessar that two people claiming to have been sent by Yossi and Rafi Sitbon came to her to advise her that the brothers knew that all that was published in the State Comptroller's Report concerning former Employment Service Director David Lefler (whom Namir had fired) and Rafi Sitbon had been initiated by her.

The two men warned Namir, she wrote, that if she continued such action, they would try to end her political career and blacken her name.

The comptroller found that Rafi Sitbon "worked" simultaneously for three different bodies during the period he was employed in the Employment Service, and received pay for 481 overlapping hours from them.

The Comptroller's Report does not mention Ben-Eliezer's aide, Yossi Sitbon. Lefler denied any connection to the campaign against Namir and said neither the charges nor Namir are worthy of comment.

Ben-Eliezer promised to look into Namir's complaints thoroughly, and 24 hours after receiving her letter, a copy of which had also been sent Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, he fired his aide.

The decision had not been an easy one, sources close to the minister stressed yesterday, noting that Sitbon has been Ben-Eliezer's close aide, bureau chief, parliamentary assistant, and lately political adviser, for eight years and had always served him well.

Kessar has not fired Rafi Sitbon yet, but has asked the Attorney-General to advise him how to act concerning his aide's actions.

## Two IDF officers suspended after body-switch probe

ALON PINKAS

THE bodies of Cpl. Erez Ben-Baruch and Staff Sgt. Moshe Bukra were switched because of faulty identification procedures, including "disregard of standard procedure, the inquiry into the affair has determined.

The inquiry, headed by Brig.-Gen. (res.) Nehemia Davidi, submitted its conclusions and recommendations yesterday.

OC Manpower Branch Maj.-Gen. Yoram Yair accepted all the recommendations of the commission, and decided that the divisional rabbi, Maj. Moshe Gabai, and the commander of the IDF identification facility at Tel Hashomer, Sgt.-Maj. Yisrael Hartman, should be relieved, as well as the head of the Burial Department at the Chaplaincy Corps. Five other officers will face courts martial.

Yair met personally with the Bukra and Ben-Baruch families and presented them with the full report. He later briefed reporters on the findings and his decision to accept all recommendations.

Victor Bukra, the brother of Moshe, said the IDF "acted swiftly and effectively, and did a serious job."

Meir Ben-Baruch, the brother of Erez, said the family, still in shock over the discovery of the mishap, "appreciates the army's effort to probe the tragic mistake and especially appreciates Yair for being the only senior officer to apologize on behalf of the IDF."

Both families were also briefed on the details of the incident in which the two were killed last Friday at the Erez checkpoint in Gaza.

The committee found that the chain of blunders leading to the mix-up began at the death site, when the two soldiers' dog tags were switched. Later, when the bodies were brought to Tel Hashomer, there was no identifica-

tion by people who served in their unit.

The mishap continued when the head of the burial department did not verify, as he should have, according to regulations, that all procedures had been complied with.

When the Bukra family asked to identify its son, it was told that since pathology tests had been delayed, it was already Shabbat, this would not be possible. The committee concluded the funeral, therefore, should have been postponed by several hours to allow family identification.

"The way the family was treated was not very smart," Yair said, adding that when the Ben-Baruch family demanded to see its son's body, "the people at Tel Hashomer were embarrassed and distressed, but did their best to save the family further unnecessary pain."

Yair stressed that IDF Chief Rabbi Maj.-Gen. Gad Navon was in no way connected to the incident. "We are talking about a very experienced officer, to whom the Red Cross and foreign militaries turn when in need of expertise on the sad issues of identifying bodies and burial procedures."

Sgt.-Maj. Hartman discovered the mix-up when he glanced at the photos of the two soldiers in the Sunday papers, and realized that the body buried as Bukra was really Ben-Baruch's.

The commission also concluded that no procedures and regulations for peacetime identification and burial are available. It recommended that the Chaplaincy Corps be responsible for all identification, even when it can be done by relatives or friends. This, the report said, will prevent mishaps. It also strongly recommended all procedures and regulations be better defined.

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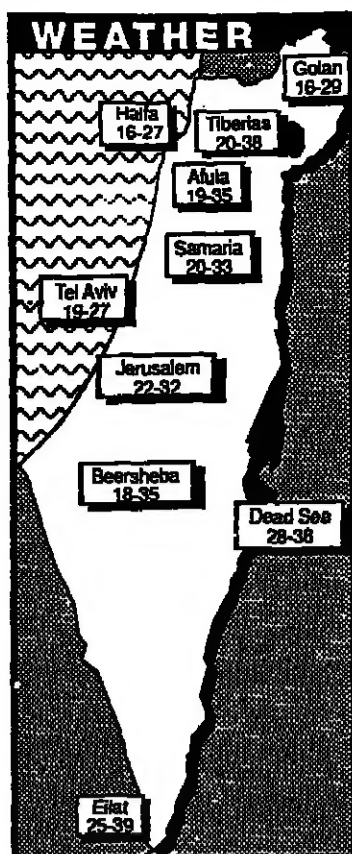
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## Winning numbers

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ten of spades, nine of hearts, eight of diamonds and king of clubs.

In last night's weekly Payis Hazak drawing, the holder of ticket 195936 won NIS 1 million, while ticket 620207 was good for the Honda automobile. Those holding tickets numbered 244448, 167265, 216563, 353823, 525398, 474963, 778691, 329355, 344994, 861397, 010674, 531518, 287567, 861437, 457901, 793573, 742516, 187241, 554325, 110926, 428323, 442625, 293631, 694187, 384549, and 821243 all win NIS 5,000, while those holding tickets ending in 86545, 91350, 30638, 62082, 80656, 30899, 42632, 36818, 64518, 71277, 75582, 93156, 57629, 72794, 10063, 34008, 01925, 22281, and 52055 all won NIS 1,000.

Those holding tickets ending in 688, 069, 900 or 172 won NIS 100, in 82, 55, 45, and 00 NIS 20, in 15, 72, 33, 60, 41, 96, and 65 NIS 10, and those holding tickets ending in 4 won NIS 7.

## WHOOPS

A limited number of copies of today's *Time Out* inadvertently bear the incorrect date on the cover.

# US backs Peres's plan for Middle East cooperative structure

HILLEL KUTTLER  
WASHINGTON

THE US administration has endorsed Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's proposal for a Middle East security and development "super structure."

The body would cover such issues as arms control, non-aggression, and reduction of forces, as well as economic cooperation and human rights, Peres told Israeli reporters after discussing the matter with President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, Secretary of State Warren Christopher, and National Security Council head Anthony Lake.

"The fact that the president basically put his stamp and commitment on it gives the issue a certain unique weight," Peres said.

The concept, he said, is modeled after the 1975 European security pact known as the Helsinki Accord, which spawned the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). It would be called the CSCM, with the "M" standing for Middle East.

The US envisions the group including two additional Middle East countries, besides the

13 Arab states that participate in the multilateral negotiations, Peres said.

"Europe reached détente because of the Helsinki Accord, and we're simply plucking the fruit of that negotiation," he said.

"The time has come — and this was accepted by the president, vice president, and secretary of state — for creating a top-level body, over and above the multilateral negotiations, for security and peace in the Middle East, as in Europe," he added.

Clinton affirmed that the administration would be "attentive and helpful" in advancing the idea, an aide traveling with Peres said.

"This year the time is right for a turning point for the Middle East. The US and I are ready to invest our effort to help create a new situation," he quoted Clinton as telling Peres.

On Wednesday night, the ambassadors of Tunisia, Morocco, and Egypt attended a dinner in Peres's honor at the home of Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich.

## Peres: A-bombs on Japan are akin to the Holocaust

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres drew a parallel this week between the Nazi extermination of Jews and the atomic bombing of Japan by the United States in World War II.

Speaking at a ceremony on the presentation of the Japanese Peace Bell to the United Nations by the UN Association of Japan, Peres said the bell and the foundation on which it rested "in a way... are symbolizing two holocausts — the Jewish Holocaust and the Japanese holocaust. Because nuclear bombs are like flying holocausts and historic holocausts are like a deep warning to our lives."

The bell is mounted on a base of Jerusalem stone, an Israeli gift to the world organization. Japanese UN envoy Hisashi Owada, whose daughter is married to Crown Prince Naruhito, and UN representative Gad Ya'acobi also took part in the ceremony, sponsored by a private group called the Earth Society Foundation. (Reuters)

## Brothers accused of killing Israeli may be rejected as Palestinian policemen

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE government may reject two recruits to the new Palestinian Police if they prove to have been responsible for last year's stabbing death of a settler in the Gaza Strip.

Palestinian sources said brothers Rajah and Amr Abu Sita, both Fatah Hawks members, are wanted for the March 1993 killing of a settler in the Gaza Strip.

"Under our agreement with the Palestinians, we reserve the right to reject police [candidates] we feel are inappropriate, and we are checking into the two," said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's spokesman, Oded Ben-Ami.

The sources said the brothers

are among Fatah Hawks who have begun training for the Palestinian Police.

Ben-Ami said Israel had already exercised its veto over Palestinian policemen by rejecting candidates who were to have crossed into Gaza and Jericho with members of the force earlier this month.

Magidish's sister Sigal last night demanded that the army apprehend the two alleged killers and bring them to justice. She said if the army failed to act, the Terror Victims Association would appeal to the High Court of Justice on her behalf to order the Abu Sitas detained.

## Latecomers sweat out last official day of gas mask distribution

ALON PINKAS

MRS. Danino and her daughter-in-law, also Mrs. Danino, both of Tchernichovsky street in Tel Aviv, finally got their gas masks yesterday, the last day official day of protective kit distribution under Operation Thunder.

Drawing envious looks from 300 sweating fellow citizens, the older Mrs. Danino held ticket No. 6, which she had been given by a security guard five hours earlier. The younger Mrs. Danino, who followed her, lamented about the government lack of sensitivity to public health. "They should have had something to drink here. We've been waiting since 6 a.m."

Over 4.4 million residents received new gas masks in the operation, which began in October 1992. The distribution cost NIS 560 million. The cost, however, did not really interest the older Mrs. Danino, who said its the government's responsibility to protect her against Iraqi, maybe Syrian, possibly Iranian missiles.

She also believes the government is harassing citizens by threatening them with fines if they fail to return their old protective kits and pick up the new ones. "Since when does the army threaten us?" she asked.



Police Minister Moshe Shahal watches yesterday as Civil Guard volunteers receive 16 new jeeps. (Yehuda Haber)

## 'Arafat to visit Jericho and Gaza on June 12'

EVELYN GORDON and news agencies

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat will begin a three-day visit to Jericho and the Gaza Strip, on June 12, Israel Radio reported yesterday.

PLO officials, however, said that while Arafat was planning to begin his visit on June 12, a decision would be taken only after he met members of the Palestinian Authority, set up to run the former occupied areas, in Tunis last night.

The radio said Arafat's advisers told the Israeli government of his plans, but Israeli officials said they had yet to receive notice.

It also quoted Palestinian sources as saying Arafat would meet US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who is due in the region then.

"We have received an announcement that he has delayed his arrival from June 6 to June 15, and he is authorized to do so," Police Minister Moshe Shahal said last night on ITV's Channel One.

However, Shahal emphasized that Arafat would not be allowed to enter Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, a petition to the High Court of Justice demanded that Arafat and his aides be investigated by the police and arrested as soon as they arrive in Gaza or Jericho.

The petition, filed by the legal association Tzedek Tzedek, notes that Arafat, Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), Yasser Abed Rabbo, and Bassam Abu Sharif are all suspected of involvement in numerous terror attacks, and should therefore be arrested.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Hefetz: More terror ahead

Israel can expect five to 10 difficult, unstable years ahead during the implementation of its agreement with the PLO and the establishment of autonomy, Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz yesterday told a gathering of retired senior police officers in Tel Aviv. Hefetz said he expects large-scale terror attacks and difficult situations ahead for the police. He therefore hopes to mold the police into a force with new capabilities that will enable it to deal with such situations. (Itim)

### Likud protests outside Defense Ministry

Some 2,000 Likud members, including party leader Benjamin Netanyahu and numerous MKs, protested against the agreement with the PLO outside the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv yesterday evening. They carried signs reading "I have no other country," "This is not peace, it's terrorism," "Bring back security to the nation," and "The territories are here." (Itim)

### Kahane's sentence reduced on appeal

Kahane Hai head Benjamin Kahane, convicted of assaulting a policeman, had his sentence cut to four months in prison by Haifa District Court yesterday, from the nine-months handed down by Hadera Magistrates Court. The court recommended he be allowed to serve the rest of his sentence in public service. He was also given six months' probation. (Itim)

### Palestinian taxmen to be rehired

Nearly 30 Palestinian tax officials who resigned at the beginning of the intifada have been told they will be reemployed by the Palestinian Authority, the Jerusalem daily *Al-Kuds* reported yesterday. The paper quoted sources as saying they expect the salaries of police and authority workers to be paid by the World Bank and international donors for the time being.

### PLO drops \$4,000 fee to cover Arafat visit

A \$4,000 fee for journalists wishing to cover the arrival of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Jericho next month has been dropped, PLO information head Yasser Abed-Rabbo said in Tunis yesterday. The fee, called a "donation to Palestinian broadcasting services," was imposed to cover PLO communication facilities in Jericho and seats on Arafat's plane. Most journalists considered it a violation of press freedom.

## NEWSLINE

with ELIEZER JAFFE

Jaffe is a professor of social work at the Hebrew University and former director of the welfare department of the Jerusalem Municipality.

As an academic, do you support the social workers' strike?

Very much so. The academicians and professors have worked very hard to create a social work profession here. We took it out of the realm of strictly volunteering, and today there is a very large demand for these professionals. Even the private sector has begun hiring social workers for personnel.

So why are the salaries so low?

The social workers are on a separate pay scale and their salaries are like those of 20 years ago. Many people, including the government which is the major employer, still view them as quasi-volunteers, and especially exploit the fact that so many of them are women, supposedly bringing home a second salary. Perhaps they need to be themselves to a larger academic sector.

Is it then not a mistake to strike?

It may sound Machiavellian, but the strike has been healthy. It has brought to public attention the importance of this profession. The employers have found out that it is very hard to provide social services without the social workers.

In addition, the media have been very supportive. Many people in government get their feel for public opinion from what the media present.

There is another important point — the self-image of the social workers. It has improved. I have a hunch they are no longer going to sit quietly for many things. This may have galvanized them into a policy of future social action.

Why hasn't the strike produced results so far?

We are witnessing a classic Treasury strategy — to drain the other side of energy and money. It saves the government money for a while. Only when it moves up into the higher political echelons, because it's making waves in public opinion, do they get down to the serious bargaining they should have done months ago. They're close to that now.

Also, the government has been warned by the Bank of Israel not to be lenient in wage negotiations. Ironically, the social workers are suffering because of the professors' and doctors' strikes.

What does the future hold for the social workers?

Everyone is talking about peace, then you have to concentrate efforts on a peaceful society. The social workers have to play an important role in making this a humane society in a market economy. Basheva Tsor

## Social workers' strike enters 36th day

THE social workers' strike enters its 36th day today, as union representatives and the Treasury held another meeting last night in an attempt to bridge the gaps between the two sides.

Social workers demonstrated yesterday in several locations. In Jerusalem, they tried to prevent a few colleagues who had gotten back to work orders from entering the offices of the Probation Service. In Tel Aviv, social workers and their clients demonstrated together at the Finance Ministry offices and the Prime Minister's Office.

Dov Berenstein, a probation officer who was ordered back to work, said that dozens of files had piled up on his desk, including 40 he called "urgent." He said that he would not be able to deal with all these problems, and even those he did address would not be dealt with properly.

Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld and the acting head of the trade union section, Efraim Ziloni, announced the labor federation had set up a loan fund of NIS 150,000 to aid social workers who are single parents or families in which both parents are social workers. (Itim)

## Hebrew University may have missed a chance to acquire Jericho mosaic in 1941

ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

THE mosaic floor of the 1,500-year-old Shalom Al Yisrael synagogue in Jericho, which has become a focus of nationalist tensions in recent days, was purchased by the Hebrew University 53 years ago, according to a document which surfaced this week.

The document, legally stamped on October 23, 1941, is an agreement between the university and the owner of the property on which the mosaic was found, Joseph Nassar, listed as a resident of Jerusalem. Under its terms, Nassar acknowledges receipt of 100 Palestinian pounds in return for the university's right to remove the mosaic within six months. The mosaic was not removed for reasons unknown today to officials at the university or the Antiquities Authority.

Israel Radio yesterday quoted MK Hanan Porat (National Religious Party), who has led the fight for a continued Jewish presence at the site, as saying he would oppose any effort to transfer the mosaic to Jerusalem. As it happens, a

replica of the mosaic exists in the archeology building on the Mt. Scopus campus.

The agreement had been among the personal possessions of the late Prof. Nahman Avigad, who is believed to have accompanied Prof. Eliezer Sukenik when he visited the site and initiated the purchase agreement. According to an archeological official, the document had been discussed at the recent Taba talks on archeology in the autonomous areas. The outcome of those talks is still not known, nor is it clear who leaked the existence of the document to Israel Radio.

In any event, it is questionable if the agreement has any validity today, said Ronnie Reich of the Antiquities Authority, since the six-month period stipulated has long since past.

A spokesman for Hebrew University said that the legal aspects are being investigated by the university's lawyers. "When that's clear, we'll decide what the next stage will be," he said.

## Satmar rebbe to visit

Satmar community leader Rabbi Moshe Teitelbaum is to arrive here June 6, on a visit to Jerusalem to dedicate a new Satmar housing development in memory of the late Satmar leader Rabbi Joseph Teitelbaum.

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# Terror gang members confess to capital stabbings

THREE Arab teenagers from Jerusalem yesterday reenacted for police two stabbing attacks on Jews in the capital they had confessed to carrying out recently.

The three were members of a terror gang also involved in several stonethrowing and car-torching incidents in Jerusalem. A fourth member is also in police custody.

The youths - Ahmed Abu Ja-

mal, 19, and three minors between 16 and 17-years-old - are all from the Jebel Mukaber neighborhood. They do not have previous criminal records.

The gang was uncovered after one of the minors was detained Wednesday for throwing stones at an apartment building on Meir Nakar Street in the East Talpior neighborhood, bordering Jebel

**BILL HUTMAN**

Mukaber. During interrogation, the youth admitted his involvement in several stoning incidents and four car-torchings, and implicated two other gang members. The three then implicated the fourth member.

During further interrogation, they said they purchased several

kitchen knives with the intent of carrying out attacks on Jews. Police believe the gang was local, and not affiliated with any terror organization.

Jamal and one of the minors allegedly stabbed and moderately injured a Jewish woman near the Haas Promenade in East Talpior in April, according to police. Three of the youths also admitted

to stabbing and lightly injuring an American tourist outside the Old City's Damascus Gate last Friday, police said.

The youths reenacted the attacks before police cameras early yesterday morning, for use in their prosecution.

The youths planned additional attacks, according to police. They were remanded for seven days.

## Court orders lawyer disbarred

**EVELYN GORDON**

THE Supreme Court yesterday disbarred a Tel Aviv attorney, overturning a decision by the Bar Association's national disciplinary court, which had sentenced him to a two-year suspension.

Arye Ben-Harutz was convicted of several violations of professional ethics, ranging from stealing from his clients to failing in his obligation to serve the clients' best interests, by the Tel Aviv district disciplinary court in 1992. The court sentenced him to a five-year suspension, to begin when he finished an earlier court-ordered suspension in 1993.

Ben-Harutz appealed to the national disciplinary court, which found that the district court had made a factual error as to when the earlier sentence ended. It therefore reduced the new sentence to two years, so that the cumulative sentence would still end in 1998.

Ben-Harutz then appealed both the conviction and the sentence to the Supreme Court. The Bar Association filed a counter-appeal, demanding that Ben-Harutz be permanently disbarred.

Justices Tova Strassburg-Cohen, Aharon Barak, and Yitzhak Zamir accepted the Bar's appeal. "The attorney's appeal against his sentence lacks any basis, and required a not inconsiderable amount of effort to submit," wrote Strassburg-Cohen, noting that Ben-Harutz has so far racked up 23 convictions in disciplinary courts, and his cumulative suspensions, prior to the most recent sentence, totaled 16 years.

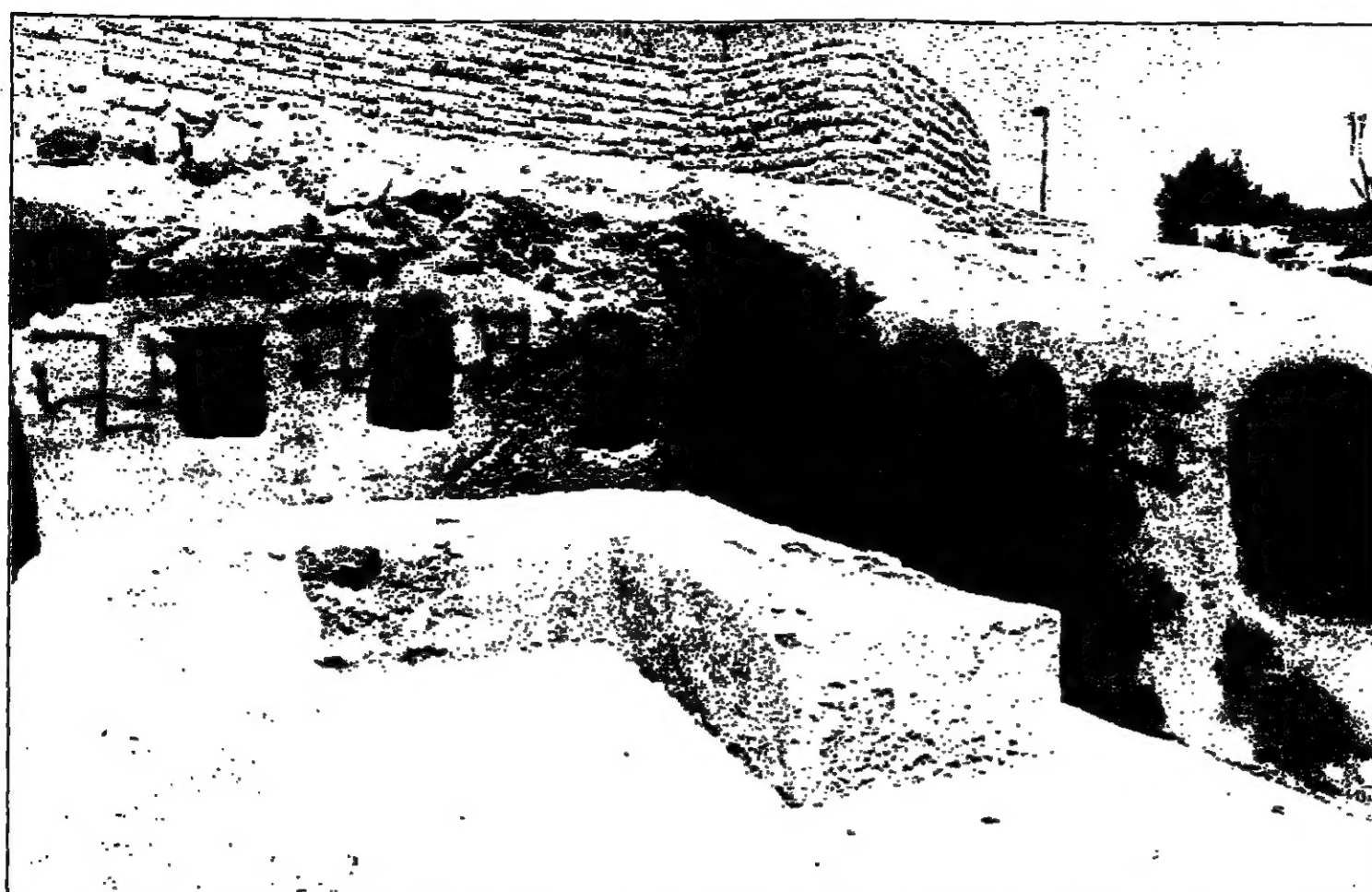
"Reliability, fairness, integrity, and trustworthiness are the heart of the legal profession," she continued, "and whoever damages these values strikes a body-blow to the profession and the public's faith in lawyers."

Ben-Harutz's record of repeated violations show he had learned nothing from his numerous punishments, she added. He had never even admitted his guilt. There was, therefore, no way to prevent further incidents except by disbarring him.

**Amnesty International calls for Vanunu's release**

Amnesty International called on Israel yesterday to release nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu, held in solitary confinement for revealing information about the country's nuclear program, saying his confinement is "cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment."

The Justice Ministry declined to comment.



Jewish burial caves from the Second Temple period on Mt. Scopus as they appeared yesterday morning. Unknown vandals Wednesday night scrawled swastikas and slogans against the Antiquities Authority, which had unearthed the graves two years ago and removed 27 sarcophagi, including one with the name Shalom engraved on it. (Isaac Harari)

## Woman, 70, is first here to receive new type of pig's heart valve

**JUDY SIEGEL**

A 70-year-old woman yesterday became the first in Israel to have a defective heart valve replaced with one taken from a pig's heart, which was processed and reformed without the need for inner supports.

This type of valve, used in clinical trials in only three medical centers in North America, does not cause clots like plastic valves and is much longer-lasting than more primitive types of biological valves made from pig's tissue.

The operation was performed at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital's Jesselson Heart Center (JHC), which officially opened yesterday. Dr. Shuli Zilberman of Shaare Zedek and Prof. Bernard Goldman of Toronto (where the valve was developed) performed the operation in the JHC's cardiothoracic surgery department, headed by Prof. Dani Bitran. Goldman

had come to Jerusalem to attend the opening ceremony for the \$25 million center, which is named for the late New York philanthropist Ludwig Jesselson.

About a fifth of all open-heart operations involve the replacement of defective valves. Plastic ones require patients to take anti-clotting drugs, but these cannot be used by women who want to become pregnant or other groups of patients. The conventional pig's valve has to be replaced after seven to nine years.

But the new type of valve, used yesterday to replace the human heart valve, according to Bitran, it allows better blood flow, thus preventing its breakdown from calcium sedimentation. After clinical trials in North America are completed, the new type of valve will be

distributed around the world. So far, it has proven to be much better than conventional valves, he said, and gives patients the hope of living longer without needing a repeat operation so soon or at all.

Rabbinical authorities have ruled that tissue from pigs and other non-kosher animals can be used without any halachic problems as implants in the human body, because they are not eaten and they are life-saving.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was supposed to be the main speaker at the ceremony, could not attend, but sent a message of congratulations to Jesselson's widow, Erica, who had a major role in the center's completion. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert was present at the outdoor event, which included a laser show, rapping on the hospital walls, and fireworks.

## Pupils' files destroyed in break-in at Haifa school

**YIGAL KOTZER**

HAIFA police suspect pupils from the Technion-affiliated Bismat trade school broke into the principal's office yesterday morning and destroyed all the personal files of 10th-grade pupils there.

The school computer was also seriously damaged in what police believe was an effort to wipe out the pupils' grades.

Police were called to the scene after a strong explosion was heard in the area. By the time they arrived at the schoolyard, fire was billowing from one of the windows

of the school. Firefighters called to the scene put out the fire and called the principal. Police found that whoever broke into the principal's office took the computer apart, then poured a large amount of coffee into it, making it impossible to reuse. They then gathered the students' files together and burned them.

Police believe 10th-graders whose low grades might lead to their being expelled from the school were responsible for the break-in. No suspects have been arrested yet.

## Official treats visitor like prostitute

**AMIR ROZENBLIT**

A JEWISH tourist from Ukraine, who arrived to visit relatives in Arad, has canceled her aliyah plans, because of the treatment she received from an Interior Ministry clerk at Ben-Gurion Airport.

"As soon as I got off the plane," said Irina Shovina, 23, "a man came up to me and said he was with the Interior Ministry. He said he suspected that I came to work as a prostitute, and took my passport away. I was in shock. I didn't think this was how Jews coming to visit were treated."

In response, the Interior Ministry said: "There is a serious problem with young women arriving on flights from Russia. In cases where it is suspected they intend to work as prostitutes, we cancel their visas. In Irina's case, we decided not to cancel her visa, and her passport was taken so we could know exactly when she left the country."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Import of Nile perch to halt temporarily

The import of Nile perch from Kenya will be halted for the time being, although there is no danger from the current stock already in Israel, Health Ministry officials said yesterday.

Following reports of the contamination of Lake Victoria by bodies of victims of the Rwanda massacres, Health Ministry officials contacted Kenyan fishing and tourism officials to check whether there was any danger in eating fish imported from Lake Victoria.

Checks of the water and the fish showed there was no contamination of the lake and no danger in eating the fish. The World Health Organization confirmed this. *litm*

### Jerusalem to honor Kollek

Former Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek is to be made a Distinguished Citizen of Jerusalem, according to an unanimous city council decision made Wednesday. Mayor Ehud Olmert initiated the move to grant Kollek the title, in recognition of the former mayor's great contributions to the capital.

Olmert telephoned Kollek yesterday to tell him the news. Tomorrow night, Olmert and other city leaders are to meet Kollek in his home to officially inform him of the decision.

### Hospitals cooperate to save infant's life

Soroka Hospital in Beersheba and Ha'emek Hospital in Afula joined efforts this week to save the life of a year-old Negev Beduin girl who had swallowed kerosene.

On Wednesday afternoon, Rimad Ateika was brought to Soroka unconscious and experiencing great difficulty in breathing. When initial treatment caused only a slight, short-term improvement in her condition, her doctors decided to turn to Ha'emek, which has a system for oxygenating blood outside the body. A team from Ha'emek brought the system to Soroka, and saved the girl's life. *Amir Rozenblit*

### Court clears way for reggae festival

The Haifa District Court has rejected a lawsuit against the holding of this weekend's reggae festival at Achziv Beach.

The suit had been filed by Micha Ne'eman, a former partner in the management of the beach, against Kibbutz Gesher Haziv, this year's beach manager, and Roxanne Ltd., which had been hired to arrange the festival.

The court also imposed NIS 2,000 in costs on Ne'eman.

### Wooster Group performances canceled

All six performances (May 28-31 and June 1-2) of *Brace Up* by the Wooster Group have been canceled due to an injury.

### Advice on saving fledglings

The Israel Raptors Center has issued guidelines those who want help raven fledglings which have fallen from their nests. In the past, several well-meaning people who have tried to replace a bird in the nest have been attacked by its parents and flock.

The guidelines suggest placing a cardboard box over the bird and waiting until the flock has left the area, then removing the fledgling. The group suggests giving the bird to the nearest petting zoo.

The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel has opened a line for people who find wounded birds - (02) 9323834.

### Wizo activists here for seminar

A hundred young WIZO activists from 23 countries have gathered here for their annual leadership seminar, which deals this year with the Jewish family.

The seminar opened with an address by Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau, who spoke about the problem of assimilation. The seminar will include leadership workshops and tours of the country.

### Suspect sought in forged entry permit scam

The Haifa Magistrates Court yesterday issued an arrest warrant for Samir Sharawna, 27, who is suspected of producing forged entrance permits to Israel for residents of the territories.

The search for Sharawna began after the arrest this week of Hebron resident Mohammed Alavivi, who was caught in Haifa with a forged entrance permit. He told police he had purchased the permit from Sharawna in Jerusalem. *Yigal Kotzer*

### Man bases appeal on shares' trial verdict

A truck driver sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment and fined NIS 10,000 for VAT violations has appealed his sentence, claiming it is unjust when those convicted in the bank shares trial received lighter ones.

Eliahu Inbi, convicted of selling false invoices and submitting false reports to VAT authorities, told the Tel Aviv District Court, "The justice system should not be permitted to allow a situation whereby the father of four young children, who lives in a 1.5-room apartment, is given 18 months for violations worth NIS 30,000, when those convicted in the bank shares trial, who caused \$9 billion of damage, should get only 6 to 11 months." *litm*

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## The sick health fund

THE resignation of Kupat Holim Clalit Director-General Avigdor Kaplan on Monday came as a surprise. Officials in such positions rarely resign, and it was refreshing that Kaplan, a former Israel Aircraft Industries administrator, felt he could no longer preside over the hopeless Histadrut-affiliated enterprise.

What may have precipitated Kaplan's resignation is the discovery that the health fund's deficit, projected before the Histadrut elections to amount to NIS 1.2 billion in 1994, is now pegged at NIS 1.5b. Kaplan blames the Histadrut and government for this huge and growing deficit. The Histadrut, which collects membership fees, is allotting less money to the fund, causing a loss estimated at NIS 300 million. Another NIS 500m. loss is caused by the government's charging too much for hospital services, while paying too little for the services Clalit renders. The rest, NIS 700m, go for increased wages approved by the Treasury.

It is as futile as it is depressing to rehearse the reasons for Clalit's desperate financial straits. The sorry fact is that this health fund - which according to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin serves close to 70 percent of the nation and without which whole segments of the population would not receive any medical services - is in a state of bankruptcy. As the current State Comptroller's Report indicates, the Clalit bureaucracy and the Histadrut have done little to remedy the situation.

What is needed is not the kind of cosmetic

surgery Clalit has hoped it could get away with. The country cannot continue to tolerate its chronic dependency on massive rescue operations with taxpayers' money. Only thorough reform can bring success, and the only effective kind of reform is one which will separate the fund from the Histadrut and make it independent. Happily, this is what the coalition headed by MK Haim Ramon (Labor), soon to be installed at the Histadrut's helm, has promised to do.

If Clalit is to continue serving outlying areas and take on the sick and infirm - particularly immigrants - who cannot be insured elsewhere, it will always need some government help. But such injections of government subsidies should be minimal. As a health fund independent of the Histadrut, Clalit should be able to trim its staff of 30,000 and realize a handsome income from the sale of some of its large properties. The passage of the new health law, now virtually assured, and the end of Clalit's payments of part of its fees to the Histadrut, should increase its membership income.

If nothing else, Clalit's severe crisis should make it easier for Ramon and his allies to press for a quick takeover in the Histadrut. And Rabin must finally fulfill his promise to appoint a full-time health minister instead of trying to run the office himself. Not only Clalit's membership, but the whole nation expects some dramatic and effective changes in the country's health services.

## A new President Herzog

THE messy business of finding a new German president came to an end this week with the election of Roman Herzog. Largely ceremonial, the post has little power but it can have much influence, as has been proved by Richard von Weizsäcker, "the conscience of the nation," during his two five-year terms in office. The election process is also a barometer of the political scene in Germany - backed by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Herzog won the vote in the electoral assembly by 696-605 over the Social Democrats' Johannes Rau, despite trailing far behind Rau in public opinion polls.

Herzog, a conservative 60-year-old Bavarian and former chief justice, is the first president to be chosen by a unified Germany at an election in Berlin's Reichstag. The venue added to the sensitivity of the occasion and Herzog unfortunately stumbled into controversy right away. His acceptance speech was criticized for an obscure tangle of words about the need for Germans to overcome the "cramping up of a latecomer nation. Germany must play its role in the world, without cramping up, without grinding its teeth." Many took this to mean "it's time to forget the Nazi past." The speech also drew fire for failing to mention millions of immigrants, refugees, and other foreigners who are denied citizenship and who have become targets of racist violence throughout the reunited Germany.

It is true some of the carping came from the defeated SPD, which was itself blasted by Kohl for being "a bad loser." SPD leader Rudolf Scharping, in a peeved outburst after Rau lost, criticized the electoral college system and the other political parties. Kohl said it was "dishonest to bad-mouth an institution in the anger of the moment" without campaigning for changes. The electoral commis-

sion is made up of 662 members of parliament and an equal number chosen by the 16 state legislatures. It probably reflects the public sentiment of 1990, when the deputies were elected, rather than that of 1994. The post-war German constitution deliberately created an electoral college to select presidents - to avoid the mistake the Weimar Republic made when President Paul von Hindenburg named Adolf Hitler chancellor in 1933.

Herzog was on firmer ground a day after the political football surrounding his election. In his first interview with a major newspaper, he took a clear stand against nationalism and urged Germans to learn from the Holocaust and to fight neo-Nazi extremism. "When it comes to what one calls mastering the Nazi past, I have never put the primary emphasis on spotlighting earlier guilt, but rather on the fact that we must learn for the future," Herzog said. "We must continue in the future to be willing to draw the necessary consequences from the atrocities of the elimination of Jews and other minorities. To me that means that it is simply more necessary here than in most other countries to develop defenses against totalitarianism, to draw clear lines."

He rejected the right-wing line that the 1990 unification made Germany a "normal" state that could now bury any guilt for The Third Reich and the Holocaust. Instead, he sees nationalism in Germany as thoroughly discredited by two world wars and Nazi racism. "I do not believe that national feeling or even national pride - I approach this expression with the greatest caution - can still be a driving force for our people," he said. This is praiseworthy and brave advice to the German people. If Herzog continues in this vein he will achieve his stated aim of "following the furrow plowed by President Weizsäcker."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PALESTINIAN HEALTH SERVICES

Sir, - In reference to Steve Rodan's article of May 20, "Palestinian health service needs more than symbols," I would like to point out that some real facts have been reported, others mutilated and some others omitted, but the most insidious is a paragraph with the following allegation: "Lama's fear, shared by many Palestinian professionals, is that PLO rule in the territories will mean nepotism and other forms of corruption. The prime example is the appointment of Yasser Arafat's physician brother, Fathi, as head of the health services. This indicates that the health services will be dominated by politicians, hospitals will be filled with pictures of Arafat and nationalist slogans, but the medicine cabinets could be bare."

This allegation by Mr. Rodan, completely out of context, is false and is a mere distortion of the truth. What benefit would a professional, in my position, get out of attacking the future Palestinian authority that will run the health services in the West Bank within a couple of months from now? This would seem an act of complete irresponsibility or one of mere insanity! Thus, for the sake of clarification, I would hereby mention some facts regarding the above-mentioned allegation: A few weeks ago, I was informed by the Chief Health Services of the West Bank, Dr. Y. Sever, that a group of foreign journalists invited by the Civil Administration would

pay a visit to Beit Jala Hospital and would like to talk on issues concerning the health services in the West Bank. In fact, the meeting took place at the hospital on April 21 in the presence of the spokeswoman of the Civil Administration, Ms. Elise Shazar, who accompanied the group of journalists among whom there should have been Mr. Rodan. I admit to have stated, concerning the issue of the future of the health services, that if funds are available, if continuing medical education is established, if salaries are increased to allow a decent living, if things are run properly without favoritism and if any appointment to a job in the services will take into consideration highly qualified elements, then the health services will improve; but if sufficient funds will not be available, or salaries remain low and appointments are to be distributed according to political affiliation regarding qualifications, then the services will lose.

That was what I stated and not what Mr. Rodan has insinuated.  
DR. YAQUB LAMA,  
Director, Beit Jala Hospital  
Bethlehem.

### BETAR REUNION

Sir, - A reunion of Betar members and their spouses from South Africa and Rhodesia will be held on Thursday, June 23. Please call

### "RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS"

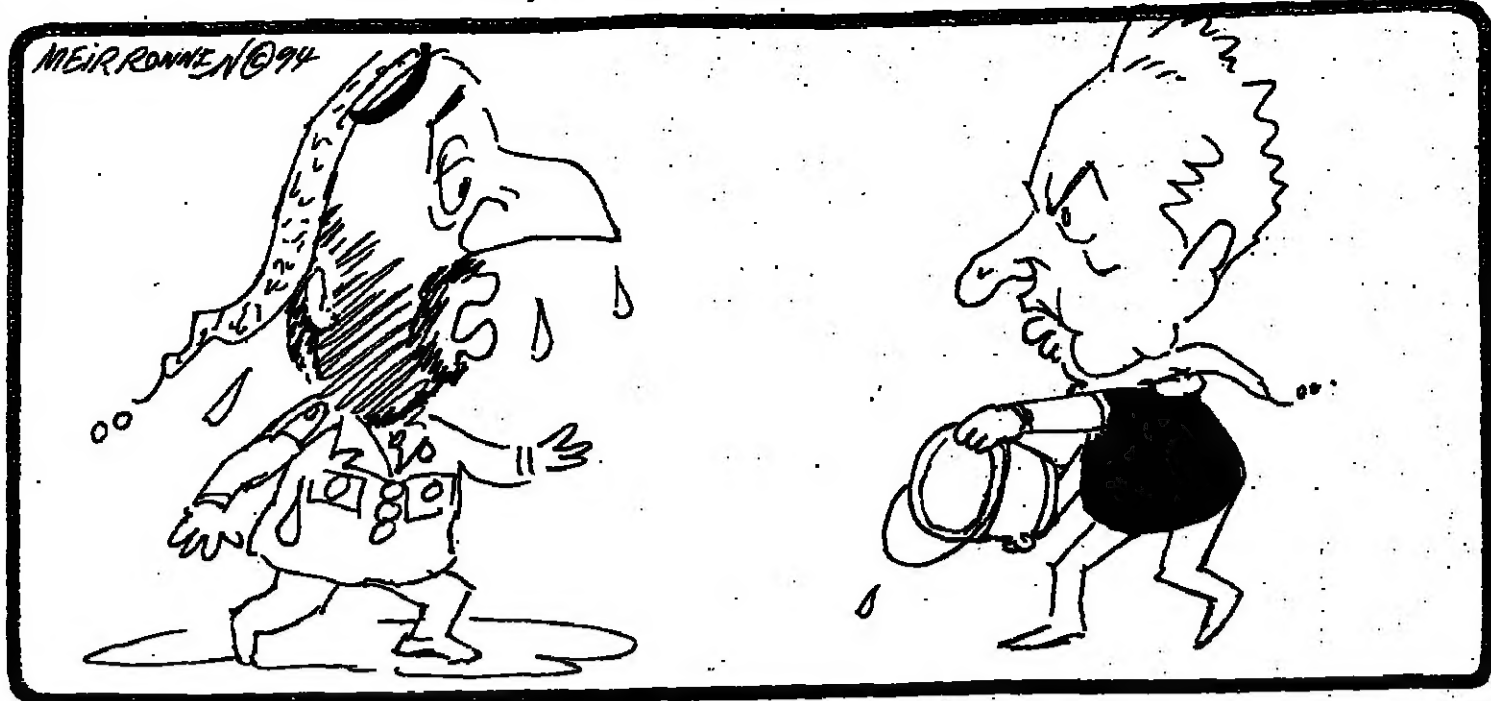
Sir, - I am afraid a slight confusion crept into an otherwise highly informative article by Suzanne Glass (May 20) "Would honoring guard dishonor Yad Vashem?"

I explained to Miss Glass in detail the decision-making process of awarding the honor of the "Righteous among the Nations." I read to her the relevant chapter dealing with the Righteous among the Nations from the "Yad Vashem Law" (promulgated by the Knesset in 1953). I stated explicitly that any non-Jew who saved a Jew during the Holocaust irrespective of nationality, creed or color is entitled to be given the honor of a "Righteous" provided he did not do so for remuneration and under duress to his own life. I added that theoretically Zundler may have a right to this award, but it was not only the letter of the law that counts, but the intention behind it.

Since Zundler's case is still sub judice, I refused to discuss it at all.  
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'I didn't say a word about the Palmah!'



## Behind the PLO boss's words

MOSHE SHARON

THE Islamic state, whose principal function was to put God's law into practice, sought to establish Islam as the dominant reigning ideology over the entire world. It refused to recognize the coexistence of non-Muslim communities, except perhaps as subordinate entities, because by its very nature a universal state tolerates the existence of no other state than itself.

These lines are taken from the introduction to part two of *War and Peace in the Law of Islam*, entitled "The law of war: The Jihad," by Prof. Majid Khadduri. Khadduri, one of the foremost Arab experts on Islamic law, continues:

"Mohammed's early successors, after Islam became supreme in Arabia, were determined to embark on a ceaseless war of conquest in the name of Islam. The jihad was therefore employed as an instrument for both the universalization of religion and the establishment of an imperial world state...."

"Thus the jihad, reflecting the normal war relations between Moslems and non-Moslems, was the state instrument for transforming the *dar al harb* ('House of War,' the Moslem name for territories under non-Moslems) into *Dar al Islam* (the House of Islam)."

In his speech in Johannesburg a few days after signing the peace agreement with Israel, PLO leader Yasser Arafat declared the continuation of the war against the Jewish state with the aim of liberating Jerusalem.

Citing Koranic passages, he asked his listeners and the rest of the Islamic world to join him in the fulfillment of this Islamic duty. Jerusalem, he said, was the "first Moslem shrine" and the permanent capital of Palestine, emphasizing that it was not the capital of Israel.

Arafat also took pains to point out that Israel has no legitimacy. Only two groups of Jews should be regarded as "good" and just, he

said: the Samaritans of Nablus and the Natorei Karta. He called them "Palestinians" and hailed them for not recognizing the State of Israel.

The PLO leader explained that he regarded the agreement with Israel as similar to the one the Prophet Mohammed made with the Tribe of Kuraish. He emphasized that Omar, the Prophet's

otherwise should not be taken seriously.

As the quotation from Khadduri's authoritative book shows, Arafat's usage of the word jihad was both correct and appropriate.

He wasn't speaking as a Sufi mystical guru about the need to fight the evil human inclination. Nor was he talking about the need to pave roads and plant flowers for

Despicable and temporary: that's how Arafat sees the deal with Israel. He told his listeners in Johannesburg so

great companion (later the Second Caliph of Islam), defined this agreement, at the time, as a "despicable truce."

Arafat's address concentrated on a letter which he claimed had been given him by Israel, in which the Israelis agreed to include Jerusalem in the negotiations and promised Palestinian control over the Christian and Moslem holy places.

Here he again traveled back in time, pointing out that by taking custody of the Christian Holy places, he was fulfilling the agreement between Caliph Omar, the conqueror of Jerusalem, and the Patriarch Sophronius, Christian leader of Jerusalem at the time of the Conquest (638 CE).

Arafat's historical map has three corners: The Prophet Mohammed, Caliph Omar and Yasser Arafat. Very impressive.

ARAFAT'S allusions to these particular events in the history of Islam was not accidental. Nor was his usage of Islamic terminology.

He was speaking in well-known codes and symbols - and any attempt by his disciples to minimize their effect by interpreting them

the sake of public well-being, Arafat said holy war, and he meant holy war.

Arabic is a rich language, and the word jihad could have dozens of other meanings. But Arafat used it in the context of liberating Palestine, where it could have only one meaning: Holy war against the Jewish infidels.

For the same reason, he chose the agreement between Mohammed and the infidels of Mecca (628), known as the Truce of Hudaibiyyah, as a model for the agreement with Israel. This truce, which Mohammed concluded with his home town, was supposed to last 10 years; yet Mohammed's army marched into Mecca some two years after its signing.

Of course the Prophet had a pretext. He was strong, the Meccans were weak; there was nothing to justify abstaining from the Islamic duty of renewing the jihad. This is why the Prophet refused even to meet with a delegation from Mecca which came to beg him to renew the truce.

This truce became a model and a precedent in Islamic law for all agreements with infidels: never permanent, never lasting more

than 10 years (with the possibility of another 10 years' extension, no more). Islam is not permitted to stop its war against non-Moslems for more than this period.

The fact that Arafat took this agreement as the model for his agreement with Israel is very significant. He wanted to tell Moslems (including Hamas) that he regarded the agreement as not only despicable, but temporary.

Nor did he leave much to interpretation, adding that the jihad for Jerusalem is continuing, despite the agreement, "which is only the first step." In other words, the agreement is a tactical move in an overall plan.

Finally, the allusion to Omar and Sophronius. Arafat probably remembered something he learned years ago in school about the benevolence of Omar. Not wishing to confiscate the Holy Sepulchre, Omar made an agreement, according to one Islamic tradition, with the Patriarch, in which both agreed that Jews would not be allowed to return to live in Jerusalem. (That the document on which the tradition is based was proved a forgery many years ago is beside the point.)

One doesn't need much imagination to guess why Arafat chose this particular agreement to be his model for the future of Jerusalem: a Jerusalem without Jews, capital of an Islamic State of Palestine, in which the Christians will again assume their *dhimmi* status as "protected" people whose overlords are the Palestinians.

Arafat assumed his listeners that the Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Patriarch of Istanbul have already been informed of their inevitable fate.

In some cases, words uttered in the Middle East are worthless. In others, they possess a magic power. To be on the safe side, the Jews of Israel should take Arafat's intentions, plans and dreams seriously.

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## A pair of wild cards in Labor's pack

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IN the same week that Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin called for a merger between the Labor Party and its left-wing Meretz coalition partner, 14 Labor MKs announced the formation of a hawkish group called The Third Way. The group's aim is to try to staunch further significant territorial concessions to the Palestinians on the West Bank, and to the Syrians on the Golan.

The very existence of the group belied Beilin's main argument in support of a Labor-Meretz merger: to wit: "We are cut from the same cloth, pursuing the same goals." The deputy foreign minister was being accurate only about the Labor Party doves, like those represented in Beilin's own Mashov Circle.

These two developments highlight once more the fact that the Labor Party is as deeply divided as ever on the major issue of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and well as on domestic affairs.

The timing of the announcement of the new group, which also includes non-Labor personalities, should be seen in terms of the limits to the internal Labor Party consensus, which revolved largely around Israel's need to get out of the Gaza Strip. Now that has been accomplished, the divisions between Labor hawks and doves over what comes next are deeper than ever. This is because the question is no longer hypothetical, but centers on actual policies to be adopted and implemented in the immediate future.

The group will primarily seek to influence Yitzhak Rabin, who may be considered the leader of the Labor Party security hawks (or "centrists," as they prefer to call themselves, as opposed to the hawks to the right of Labor).

Of the two initiatives this week, Beilin's is the more interesting in terms of its impact on the long-predicted realignment of the country's political map.

To the extent that the terms "right" and "left" have retained any meaning in Israeli politics over the last two decades, they

refer solely to the division of attitudes toward the wider Arab-Israeli conflict, notably the Palestinians and the territories. By this criterion, however, the dividing line between right and left runs not between Labor and Likud, but down the middle of Labor itself.

Beilin is correct that there is little difference between Labor

The fact that the Histadrut and its election-winning resources have now been wrested from Labor's hands for the first time since the labor federation's inception 73 years ago, may well be seen as the writing on the wall for the Labor Party itself.

It's been a long time since Labor can be said to have had any clear

Ramon and Beilin are forcing a major redealing of the political deck

doves like himself, Haim Ramon and his colleagues in the Mashov and Kfar Hayarok circles, and their generational peers in Meretz.

But it should be remembered that whereas Ramon seriously considered leaving Labor for Meretz before the last elections, Beilin, who is no less of a dove, argued strenuously against it.

Beilin by then had been deputy foreign minister and deputy finance minister to his mentor Shimon Peres for over seven years. He was very alive to the risks entailed in leaving a governing party for the political desert of an ideological splinter group.

The timing of Beilin's apparent change of heart - it isn't that he advocates abandoning Labor, rather incorporating the remains of a burnt out party into a new party of the left - should be seen against the background of Ramon's smash victory in the recent Histadrut elections.

THE REASON for doves like Beilin and Ramon, staying in Labor rather than moving to the ideologically more compatible Meretz lies in Labor's organizational power (read: electoral power). In the past, much of that power has been based on organizational muscle, party workers and Histadrut money.

political goals or vision. In their absence, Labor's main remaining asset was its organizational ability to win elections. Now that this ability has been questioned with Labor's defeat in the Histadrut, the party's remaining strength lies in its ability to field candidates attractive enough to win elections.

Haim Ramon's triumph in the Histadrut elections only a few weeks after breaking away from Labor, raises serious questions about the party's ability to choose electable candidates and ensure their triumph at the polls, in defiance of the parochial demands of the party machine. The timing of Beilin's announcement reflected the impact of Ramon's triumph over the party machine, which was largely due to support from sym-

thetic print and electronic media. All analyses of the future of Israeli politics must take account of the new rules of the forthcoming elections, in which the prime minister will, for the first time, be elected directly by the electorate.

Until a few weeks ago, Labor had no realistic alternative to Rabin as its candidate for premier. Middle-generation doves such as Beilin now believe that Ramon could constitute such an alternative and have a good chance of winning, now that he and his left-wing coalition control the Histadrut.

A Labor merger with Meretz behind a younger candidate like Ramon, one who has proven his ability to win a major election, makes good political sense. But any move in such a direction can be expected to set off countervailing forces that will split Labor and bring about the establishment of an alternative hawkish bloc. This would include half of Labor, Tsomet's voters - nearly all of whom are former Labor voters - and a large part of the Likud.

Given the situation of unrest in the Likud itself, with many party activists continuing to oppose the leadership of Benjamin Netanyahu, a major realignment of the Israeli political party map may not be as far-fetched as it sounds.

Clearly the process, once begun, will be a messy and confusing one, rather than a clear-cut redealing of the political deck.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on public affairs.

## POSTSCRIPTS

THIS LETTER appeared in *The New York Times*, Metropolitan Diary column:

"As I waited for some friends in the lobby of the New York Public Library on 42nd Street, my attention was drawn to a teenage couple who had just come in the door. Their eyes moved expectantly around the lobby, searching - or so I presumed - for the same Dead

Sea Scrolls I was so much looking forward to seeing. Isn't it wonderful, I thought with a warm glow, that young people would be so interested in such a scholarly exhibition.

"Suddenly, the male half of the couple burst forth in loud irritation: 'I told you there were no dead sea scrolls here.' With that he stormed out onto Fifth Avenue.

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# Arafat's 'Mein Kampf'

**G**AZA Palestinians are fortunate that Yasser Arafat's Fatah failed in its attempts, 30 years ago, to sabotage the pipeline carrying water to the south of the country. That pipeline now supplies the Gaza Strip with water.

The Arabs of Judea, Samaria and Gaza are also fortunate that they didn't heed the demands of the PLO to participate actively in the Arab wars against Israel in 1967 and 1973. In choosing to stand by passively, they spared themselves the devastation that goes with hostilities.

And they're fortunate to have ignored PLO orders to stop working in Israel (the PLO also attacked buses taking them to work and back). The PLO was hoping to harm Israel's economy, but overlooked the fact that without work in Israel hundreds of thousands of Palestinians would suffer.

By the same token, it is not certain that the Palestinians in the territories will respond to Arafat's battle-cry and plunge into a holy war over Jerusalem. But his status is different now; he has the authority to act and can more easily force a confrontation with Israel over Jerusalem. On this assumption, he has begun a campaign of incitement, not just in Johannesburg but in Tunis as well, where he has explicitly called for a struggle for Jerusalem.

Gen. Hajj Ismail, the Palestinian military commander in the Jericho district, and an Arafat spokesman, explains that that town is the gateway to Jerusalem, and without a Palestinian Jerusalem, there will be no peace.

It was not lies or stupidity that characterized Arafat's Johannesburg remarks, but stupendous candor. His forthright, unambiguous remarks were reminiscent of *Mein Kampf*, in which the author was blunt about his plans, so much so that his adversaries didn't take him seriously. We all

MOSHE ZAK

know now that by the time Hitler's Satanic program became reality, it was too late to stop him. Arafat did not commit any slip of the tongue in Johannesburg; he used his call for a jihad and cited Mohammed's agreement with the Kuraish tribe to test his thesis that Israel would swallow that, too.

Once he grasped that Rabin's government believes it has no al-

**His focus:  
A Palestinian  
Jerusalem  
'in our  
time'**

ternative to an agreement with him, he was certain that, after issuing expressions of dismay and disappointment, Israel would in the end accept the interpretations of his remarks suggested by friendly commentators.

The PLO leader was sure that Israeli protests would strengthen his position among his own people - for he must never appear to be cooperating with Israel against Hamas and Islamic Jihad. His rhetoric about an Islamic holy war to liberate Jerusalem was designed to remove all suspicion of such cooperation.

But the grotesque truth is that Arafat is really thinking about "liberating" Jerusalem - not just in the distant future, but in our time. This is the focus of his struggle. And all the while, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres travels around the world calling on the powers to contribute funds to the Palestinian authority. Peres was apparently the one who persuaded Arafat not to celebrate his entry into Jericho on June 5, the anniversary of the outbreak of the Six Day War.

The fact that the government got him to postpone his entry by a week shows that it does understand the importance of symbols in the relationship with the Palestinians.

WHATEVER THE interpretations of Arafat's statements, one thing is clear: the Palestinian master "understand" his message about a holy war to liberate Jerusalem. They also understand his reference to Mohammed's dis-

honored treaty.

The PLO has rushed to try to effect an immediate upset in Jerusalem. It isn't willing to wait out the two years until the final-status negotiations. Arafat is already preparing his excuse for violating the deal with Israel, by asserting that he has an American-Russian commitment concerning Jerusalem.

He has launched an immediate struggle, not a quiet, diplomatic one, but something resembling the intifada, relying on mass hysteria by his followers, and consolidating Palestinian administrative institutions in Jerusalem. Arafat has usually not lied about his goals.

He openly admitted that the PLO's situation in the summer of 1990, at the height of the intifada, was extremely perilous. So he was forced to surrender to the Likud government's conditions and allow Palestinian participation in the Madrid Conference. At the point that the IDF succeeded in cutting the intifada down to minimum dimensions, the Oslo "miracle" happened for him.

Arafat's interlocutors in Oslo did not grasp his intention when he insisted explicitly on control of Jericho and not Nablus, which for years was the focus of Palestinian nationalism. Many Israelis mocked Arafat for not knowing how to conduct negotiations and getting trapped in lies and wasting time on trivial matters.

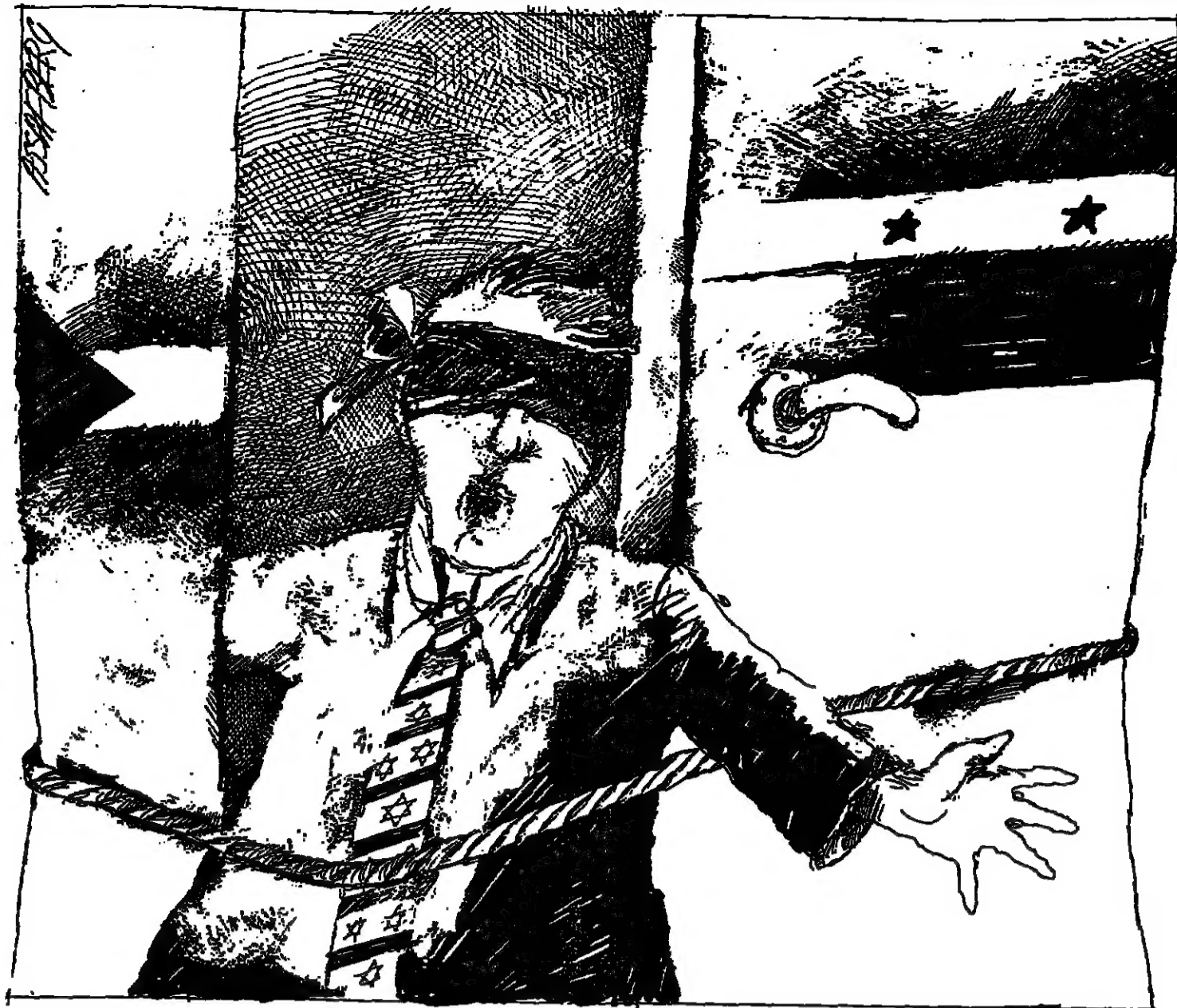
But Arafat knew exactly what he was aiming at. He had decided that the next test would be over Jerusalem. Accordingly, he is insisting on including Nebi Moussa within the Jericho enclave, astride the highway to Jerusalem.

There is no cause for panic, however. The IDF will know how to handle any "holy war" over Jerusalem.

Much more menacing is the spiritual "holy war" Arafat speaks of, which is the erosion of Israel's position in Jerusalem under the terms of the Oslo Agreement.

The constant threat that without giving in over Jerusalem Israel will not have peace, must not blind the government to the immediate danger of the establishment of a Palestinian administration in Jerusalem. Every department of the Palestinian authority that is located in Jerusalem diminishes Israel's exclusive control over its Capital.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.



## Garbage truck at Israel's door

DAVID PORUSH

**A** few months ago, I was invited for Shabbat lunch at the home of one of my colleagues at the Technion. All but three of the 15 or so folks there were Israelis. A professor who made aliyah over 20 years ago told this story:

He was visiting a friend in Christchurch, New Zealand, and went to synagogue on Shabbat. In *shul*, he noticed a bad odor. Emerging, he saw a giant garbage truck parked right outside the door. "Was it a coincidence? he asked his New Zealand friend. The friend told him that the garbage truck showed up every Shabbat.

Could something be done about it? "We call and complain, but the truck always shows up."

The Israelis who followed this conversation erupted in disbelief. "Are you saying you think it was parked there on purpose?" one asked.

To me it was obvious. "Of course," I replied.

The Israelis were stunned that we could seize on the whole thing as a conspiracy. For my part, I was equally amazed that they could question something as clear to me as Jewish history itself: garbage trucks don't just appear coincidentally outside synagogues on Shabbat.

The Israelis called us paranoid. They accused us of being weak, of thinking like typical "gali" Jews. There is a profound split in consciousness between Israeli and Diaspora Jews.

The attraction of Israel for my family, as we contemplate aliyah, is this hope: that our children will grow up to be like our Israeli friends, with their confidence, their immunity to the perception of evil intent behind every garbage truck.

And yet, watching the events of this incredible year unfold, I have come to believe that this peculiar Israeli blindness to garbage trucks is now a manifest hazard to Israel's health.

At a two-day information meeting at Kibbutz Shefayim, just before his departure from office, former US ambassador William Brown laid out to us Fulbrighters in very stark terms his vision - prophecy - of the shape of Israel to come.

"You should get used to the

the US give Texas back to the Mexicans?"

Brown responded that this was Israel's future as he saw it - and many Israelis did, too.

I also spoke to US Ambassador Edward Djerejian (former envoy to Syria) at a similar meeting before he suddenly left office last week. I asked him about the Golan (since, to us Americans, he was transparently sent here to "oversee" the transfer of the Golan back to Syria and his old associate, Hafez Assad). He told me quite blithely that the Golan would go back either "very, very soon," or in three years. Why? I asked. It seemed like an odd timetable.

"It depends on whether Clinton thinks it will hurt his election chances or not." If it's too dicey, he'll wait an appropriate period, until after the next elections.

Israelis I tell these stories to dismiss them. "America has wanted us to do a lot of things, and we haven't done them," they say. Or: "We are strong enough to determine our own destiny."

From where I'm sitting, I see the inevitable force of world opinion, and American pressure having its way with Israel. The garbage truck is parked outside the door, and no one's paying attention to the smell, even though it's getting worse by the day.

Ehud Ya'ari (The Jerusalem Re-

port, May 5) writes that he spoke to one of Israel's chief negotiators, who was amazed at how confidently "the Palestinians act, as if history were on their side."

TO THOSE who smell the real source of the garbage truck's stink, it is obvious that every time Israel sits down to the negotiating table with the PLO, it is also facing the PLO's invisible partners: CNN, the BBC, Star News, Reuters and world opinion, shaped by these news services.

Because Israelis can't see them

**The stink gets steadily worse, but all people do is turn their heads away**

defense. If anything, it will increase it.

Maybe it's my simple-minded American vision - but I don't see the logic of handing power and weaponry to neighbors who still preach your destruction.

Worse, as a *gali* Jew, I know what's in the minds and hearts of Americans. Too many of them, even American Jews, have been persuaded by CNN and other news services that Israel is a strange mixture of failed aspirations and Jewish theocracy, a place where helmeted storm-troopers shoot Palestinian children on dirty streets.

As a Diaspora Jew, I am overly sensitive to how the Western world focuses on events in Israel. It's a focus out of all proportion to our crimes, and it's because Israel "almost passes" in the community of Western nations, just as assimilated Jews have "almost passed" throughout history - in Spain, Germany, England and Poland, before they were expelled, herded into ghettos, or slaughtered.

I doubt the world will soon let Israel be a nation "just like any other," much as Israel devoutly desires it.

As I watch former ambassador Brown's prophecies come true one by one and await Ambassador Djerejian's prediction to happen, I fear that the notions which form in the minds of Americans - and the world - soon get translated into facts on the ground in Israel.

Is Israel prepared for a Syria 10 meters from the eastern shore of the Kinneret? If so, is it prepared for the next step: a massive repatriation of Palestinians within its borders? Or the step after that, already conceived in the imagination of the world?

Or does Israel have the strength to listen to the unfortunate knowledge of Diaspora Jews? I hope so, for I fear the alternative.

Listen, Israel. The world has trouble accepting a nation of strong Jews. Striving to become unlike *gali* Jews, inventing your own secular culture and assimilating into it won't help you. Ignoring the real meaning of the garbage truck parked outside the door will continue to raise the price at the bargaining table higher, and higher, and higher.

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## TA to get CellCom service in '94 Ogen director, manager held for stock manipulation

CELLCOM, the consortium that won the tender for Israel's second mobile telephone network, has promised service in the Tel Aviv area by the end of the year.

Jerusalem and Haifa will be connected by early 1995, with country-wide service available by the end of next year.

The consortium was set up some two years ago when BeilSouth, which had already established cellular networks in the US, Australia, Denmark, Mexico and Argentina, was approached by the Safra bank regarding the Israeli tender.

The Discount Investment group (IDB) makes up the final third of CellCom. Israeli Aircraft Industries (IAI) holds a 10% option which it intends to exercise.

Over the first three years, CellCom will invest \$300 million in network infrastructure and establishing its market presence. The company plans to offer services such as number routing and personal information, voice mail, abbreviated three-digit dialing and the aptly named international roaming service.

The consortium has already announced its commitment to a pricing system offering connection free-of-charge and introductory prices for the first two years.

Peak per-minute air time rates for the first year would be NIS 0.08, going up to NIS 0.28 by the third year.

The second cellular network will be deployed based on population density and volume of usage. It will be unique in its flexibility, able to carry analog and digital signals, with the potential to carry advanced digital signals still in development today.

Now that CellCom has won the tender, negotiations are underway for a 10-year license with the Ministry of Communications. Roberto Peon, BeilSouth VP in charge of trade development, said: "We realized this is not a traditional cellular tender. This government wanted to give benefits to the consumer."

From a technological standpoint, the tender is regarded as a turning point, or as Peon put it, "(a) most opportune moment to look at digital technology."

The company saw digital technology's costs would go down, as with PCs or calculators, with the savings passed on to the consumer. CellCom also realized they would have to provide a high quality signal country-wide. In other words: beat the competition.

Currently the AMPS (Analog Mobile Phone System) technology is in use but CellCom intends to introduce the digital TDMA-3 (Time Division Multiple Access) capable of tripling each call path. Digital also offers a better noise-to-sound ratio and a lower disconnect rate. "We exceed the demands of the tender" said Peon.

A Northern Bell switching system has been selected as it is capable of handling both types of signals. "We didn't want to penalize people just because they were already in the network" said Peon.

IAI also gives CellCom an edge. "They helped develop the tender, particularly in microwave technology, in which they have tremendous expertise," Peon said.

There will be competition for instruments and CellCom is in negotiation with several firms. "BeilSouth does not manufacture phones but rather the availability of phones," Peon pointed out.

Although CellCom intends to type-approve as many phones as possible, those now contemplating a cellular phone purchase would be wise to buy the dual mode phones not yet available in Israel, or wait for CellCom to sell them.

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## Put those rose-colored glasses away

LAST time around, in February-March, market players were able to put a rosy tint on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's precipitate fall. Despite yesterday's sharp rise, which until further notice must be deemed a technical correction, it is harder to put a positive shine on those of the last two weeks.

The main reasons behind the fall are:

- **Company profits** - Many of the first quarter results reported by stock market companies have been disappointing; some have been downright terrible. They have made many share prices look hard to justify.
- **Inflation worries** - The housing crisis has driven inflation higher. Inflation bodies higher interest rates, slower growth and general economic uncertainty. More expensive credit eats into company profits and makes borrowing to buy stocks less attractive.
- **Interest rates were raised** this week.
- **The peace process** has looked a little shaky over the last two weeks. Various incidents, particularly Yasser Arafat's statements in Johannesburg, have rattled those investors who saw the peace agreement as an economic boon.

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## Mercantile Discount profits drop

**Post Business Staff**

BANK Mercantile Discount's first-quarter earnings plunged 37.5 percent compared to the same period last year, to NIS 3.6 million, the bank reported yesterday.

According to the bank, the drop was caused in large part by the revaluation of the shekel, which eroded the value of its foreign currency investments.

Another major factor was the increase in its provisions for doubtful debts, which totaled NIS 9.8m, during the quarter, compared to a mere NIS 300,000 in the same period last year.

However, this factor was partially offset by a one-time profit of NIS 4.7m, from the sale of some of its shares in Koor.

Electra yesterday announced an 11 percent decline in net profits for the first quarter, to NIS 3.1m, compared with NIS 3.5m, last year. Revenues declined 5.5% to NIS 112.8m.

Gross margins were up slightly at 12.6%, compared with 12.2% in last year's first quarter. Quarterly per share earnings were NIS 1.04, compared with NIS 1.19.

Electra and its three subsidiaries, Caribee Building Systems, Elico, and Electra Contracting Europe, are active in large-scale construction and central air-conditioning.

## Shareholders group sues InterPharm

**RACHEL NEIMAN**

A GROUP of minority shareholders has filed suit against InterPharm Laboratories, its subsidiary Inter-Lab, Swiss-based parent group Aeres Seroone SA, and Aeres Trading SA.

The plaintiffs claim a board of directors purchased stock was not in accordance with the Companies Ordinance laws, violated an agreement with the Chief Scientist's Office that Aeres Seroone is forbidden to compete with InterPharm and violated shareholders' rights.

The complaint argues that InterPharm did not properly disclose its agreements with Aeres Seroone. InterPharm has stated it "has complied with all its disclosure obligations regarding its transactions with Aeres Seroone."

Under dispute is a recombinant beta-interferon cell bank, prepared from a cell line originally developed at the Weizmann Institute. InterPharm continues to use the bank, part of which was sold to Aeres Seroone. InterPharm says the agreement was unanimously approved by the board and that it was advised by counsel that a permit from the chief scientist was not required.

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**Local firms win \$80m. of Electric Corp. tenders**

LOCAL firms Cvalim (55%), Zion Cables (33%) and Pika-Plast (12%) yesterday won \$69 million worth of the \$80m. international tenders issued by the Electric Corporation to provide low tension and high tension wires. Eighteen international bids were received.

Electric Corp. officials said the company saved some \$15 million in awarding the tenders, compared to the prices two leading Israeli cable producers received last year. The decisions were made at a meeting of the Electric Corp. board of directors' senior tenders council, headed by accountant Shlomo Nass.

Participants noted that the two leading Israeli producers were asked to make proposals that were truly competitive. Failure to meet the conditions could lead to a significant reduction in the amount of business they would be offered.

Cvalim won \$38m. worth of the tender, Zion Cables \$23m., and Pika-Plast \$8m. They must fulfill several conditions, among them serious reductions in the prices they proposed. This was the first time Pika-Plast won a significant portion of the Electric Corp.'s tenders. (Itim)

**WORLD BRIEFS**

Germany's central bank left its leading interest rates unchanged but financial markets had been prepared for the bad news and hardly budged. **Reuters**

West German inflation falls below 3%: West German inflation dipped below three percent for the first time in more than three years in May and economists said they expected the slowdown to continue into 1995.

The Federal Statistics Office, which still measures inflation separately for old West and East Germany, said western consumer prices were provisionally 2.9 percent higher in May than a year ago and rose 0.2% from April.

The annual cost-of-living rise was the lowest seen since April 1991, when headline inflation was running at 2.8%. **Reuters**

Portugal raises rates: The Bank of Portugal jacked up short-term money rates to fend off a fresh speculative attack on the escudo, but dealers said the battle was not over yet.

The escudo hit a traded low of 104.05 per mark on Wednesday despite Bank of Portugal buying to defend the currency and remained weak at 103.95/104.05 at mid-session yesterday. **Reuters**

Coffee's price plunge continues: Coffee's spectacular plunge quickened as investment funds rushed to sell but traders said the market was unlikely to slump to recent lows.

Prices have tumbled 18% from the seven-year highs of \$2,480 a ton reached earlier this week and are now hovering just above \$2,000. **Reuters**

Eurotunnel launched a huge rights issue as part of a major financing and said it was optimistic about prospects now that long delays and disputes had ended, and trains were rolling through its Channel Tunnel.

The Anglo-French tunnel operator said the total £1.6 billion in new debt and equity would see it through until it broke even financially in 1998, and the group expected to see "credible cashflow" within the next two years. **Reuters**

Major Japanese banks' profits down: Japan's biggest commercial banks posted steep drops in profits for the year to March 31 and forecast that earnings would remain poor as they stepped up write-offs of bad loans. **Reuters**

**Pioneer International Ltd**  
**South African Economic Statistics**

	Price 26.5.94	Price 18.5.94	% Change
Exchange rates (buy)			
Commercial rand	3.654	3.657	0.07%
Financial rand	4.875	4.880	0.10%
Interest rates (Ry)*			
Money market (BAs)	10.95%	10.85%	0.92%
Escom 1994	9.30%	9.30%	0.00%
Escom 2008	13.14%	12.87%	2.14%
Escom 2020	13.83%	13.53%	2.22%
RSA 150	13.76%	12.90%	6.67%
UAL Max Income	14.34%	14.28%	0.42%
OM Investments	40.2957	40.4215	-0.32%
Guardbank	35.4199	35.7157	-0.83%
UAL Gilt	12.3047	12.4327	-1.03%
Max Income	10.6372	10.6439	-0.06%
Shares (close)			
De Beers	106.75	109.00	-2.06%
Vaal Reef	407.00	373.00	9.12%
Anglo American	231.00	232.50	-0.65%
Barlows	37.75	38.75	-2.58%
SA Brews	100.00	100.00	0.00%
Sasol	24.75	23.75	4.21%
Tiger Oats	50.25	52.00	-3.37%
Iscor	3.41	3.36	1.49%
JSE Actuaries Overall	5.518	5.457	1.13%

\*RY - running yield.

COMMENTS: President Nelson Mandela announced government's plans to kick-start the reconstruction and development program in a fiscally sustainable manner. R2.5bn. would be earmarked in the 1994/95 budget to start off the 5-year RPD, with spending likely to be more than R10bn. after 5 years. He committed government to reviewing the budget deficit but hinted at a possible tax increase if it proved impossible to contain consumption expenditures. He was confident about gaining overseas and business support for the program. Mandela also said that SA's dual exchange rate system and foreign exchange controls would also come under "critical scrutiny."

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**ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS**

**Patex (foreign currency deposit rates) (26.5.94)**

Currency (deposit term)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	3.875	4.250	4.750
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.875	3.500	3.000
German mark (DM 200,000)	3.125	3.750	4.250
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.125	4.125	4.250
Yen (10 million yen)	0.500	0.625	0.750

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

**Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates\* (26.5.94)**

Currency basket	Buy	Sell	Banknotes	Rep.
U.S. dollar	3.2750	3.3210	3.00	3.2942
German mark	1.2228	1.2543	2.00	1.0320
Pound sterling	4.5308	4.5844	1.00	1.0320
French franc	0.5948	0.5942	0.44	0.5518
Japanese yen (100)	2.2835	2.2940	0.25	0.5378
Dutch florin	1.6200	1.6220	1.00	1.5408
Swiss franc	2.1458	1.8229	1.00	1.8031
Swedish krona	0.3887	0.3942	2.11	2.192
Norwegian krona	0.4219	0.4278	0.41	0.3888
Denish krona	0.4674	0.4739	0.46	0.4247
Finnish mark	0.0579	0.0587	0.06	0.048
Canadian dollar	2.1736	2.2041	0.55	0.5581
Australian dollar	2.2207	2.2378	2.14	2.1951
S. African rand	0.0590	0.0592	0.22	0.2278
Belgian franc (10)	0.0872	0.0897	0.48	0.5285
Austrian schilling (10)	2.5583	2.6329	2.55	0.91
Italian lire (1000)	1.8949	1.9115	1.84	1.85
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.18	2.028
Syrian pound	—	—	4.18	2.028
Irish punt	3.5202	3.5289	0.86	0.91
Spanish peseta (100)	4.4578	4.5234	4.36	4.5414
—	2.2188	2.2500	2.16	2.2304

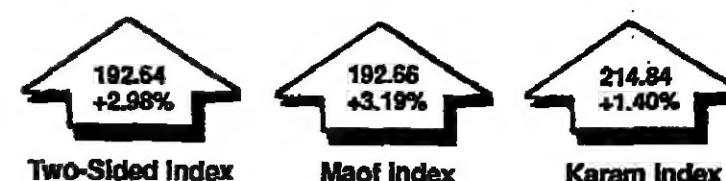
\* These rates vary according to bank. \*\* Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI



**TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET**

**ANDRE LUMBROSO**



day before, was back buying. To prevent the pause in that bullish feeling, we connected to the rumors' investigations and arrests. There were even rumors that Ofer Nimrodi, general manager of ILDC, was under investigation by the Securities Authority. Nimrodi took the unprecedented step of paying a visit to the stock exchange to quash the

whether the day's events were a flash-in-the-pan or the beginning of a new trend. Optimists point to the fact that share prices always decline during the first half of the year and rise during the second half. On the other hand, the economic news is far from positive with higher inflation, rising interest rates and poorer financial results.

## FTSE down slightly in cautious trading

## WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

The Nikkei average ended off 167.83 points or 0.81% to 20,495.80 on estimated volume of 400 million shares.

## Dow Jones closes mixed

## WALL STREET REPORT

prices rose and fell without much conviction. The Dow Jones average of 30

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index gained 0.37 to 439.62.

## CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

	MARK	STERLING	YEN	Sfr	FFr
MARK	—	0.401622	63.53/54	0.8533/36	3.4161/66
STERLING	2.4571/81	—	156.01/13	2.1217/66	8.4927/43
YEN	1.5728/46	0.8322/31	—	1.3422/41	5.3726/02
Sfr	1.1710/23	0.4707/13	74.43/48	—	4.0000/57
FFr	0.2695/29	0.1178/77	18.57/62	0.2486/00	—

# TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Two-sided trading

## Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%
Bank Leumi	105.2	1.2
Bank Hapoalim	105.2	3.0
Bank Mizrahi	105.2	3.0

## Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%
Bank Leumi	105.2	1.2
Bank Hapoalim	105.2	3.0
Bank Mizrahi	105.2	3.0

## Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%
Bank Leumi	105.2	1.2
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Bank Mizrahi	105.2	3.0

## Insurance

Name	Price	%
Bank Leumi	105.2	1.2
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## Trade & Services

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## Industries

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## PARALLEL LIST

Name	Price	%
Bank Leumi	105.2	1.2
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## Property, Building

Name	Price	%
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## AFTERNOON

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Adacoin	708	1.2
Adacom	168.5	1.0
Adco	438.16	7.0
Adira	115.22	2.5
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Agla	2825	1.0
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Calcom	1775	2.2
Cal Ele	3335.2	4.2
Cal Tra	1208	-10.0
Cal 10	8758	0.5
Clafing	1781	3.2
Clider 5	2681	1.7
Clude	1744	2.7
CohenDev	80	0.7
Debar 5	2616	5.7
Dod Son	3272	3.2
Dalek	7247	3.5
Dacsv	22951	2.5
Elok	27781	3.2
Elocom	2712	3.2
Elite 5	1330	3.0
Elron	13173	3.2
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InterCorp	34389	-2.2
InterCorp	28932	-4.5
InterCorp	2217	3.2
InterCorp	1168	1.5
IDBDev	64013	1.2
ILDC	1788	-2.7
JOEL	1.2	13.2
Kardas	678	5.0
Kizan	1142	4.7
Kil	18228	1.2
Koor	22805	6.5
Laumil	333	3.7
LaumilW2	18.8	24.7
LaumilW2	261	0.5
Maidmash	1827	6.0
Mallbus	1084	-7.0
Maman	779	2.2
Marki	2271	4.0
Machov	803	5.5
Mehardiv	18426	1.7
MeirEzer	5770	5.7
Mivhav	200	1.5
Murdoc	1807	2.7
MGNIS	8880	-4.7
MLL1	963	4.0
Machov	65.4	17.0
Ocf	9129	4.7
Ornat	985	3.7
Ozen	1980	3.2
Paradise	275	5.0
Packer	18876	1.0
Paradise	2718	4.2
Petromach	949	3.7
Piryon	15344	2.7
PosimW2	4.8	-11.7
PosimW2	545	4.7
PosimW2	200	0.5
Rogasin	4023	5.0
SalaPump	210	10.0
Supernat	5988	2.5
Tembour	783	1.2
Tempot	1549	0.2
Teva	7058	5.2
TevaC	285	3.0
TevaC	785	0.5
TATS	785	6.5
Urdan 0	375	2.7
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# 30 Russians held hostage on bus

FOUR armed men hijacked a bus with around 30 schoolchildren, parents and teachers in south Russia yesterday and threatened to kill one hostage every hour unless their demands were met, an interior ministry spokesman said.

The four men, who seized the bus on a highway near the southern town of Mineralnye Vody, threw out eight male passengers, were demanding \$10 million, drugs and a helicopter.

Police blockaded the bus in a mountain village about 20 km from the airport at Mineralnye Vody and were negotiating with the hijackers.

"They (the hijackers) said that if nothing changed they would kill a passenger every hour," the spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said by telephone.

It was the second time in five months that gunmen had seized a group of

schoolchildren in the same, increasingly crime-ridden region of Russia.

The interior ministry spokesman said there were 21 women and eight children aboard the bus, which was blocked off by four cars and an armored personnel carrier in a small village half-way up the mountain of Kinzhalt.

A local prosecutor who arrived to talk to the gunmen had also been taken hostage, he said. Special armed police units were being sent to the region.

The emergency situations ministry said the four men, armed with three submachineguns and a hand grenade, wanted four bullet-proof vests, four extra submachineguns, a grenade-thrower and a night vision device.

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The four—described as Caucasians—seized the bus on a school trip to Stavropol from Vladikavkaz, capital of the Caucasus ethnic republic of North Ossetia.

Itar-Tass news agency said North Ossetian President Akhsharbek Galazov had ordered his counter-intelligence officers to free the hostages.

Crime has spiralled in the north Caucasus region, an ethnic patchwork where most males are armed.

The hijackers set free two parents with a list of demands, which specified the helicopter should be fully fuelled and without any crew.

Tass quoted local officials as saying the gunmen were demanding morphine, which could indicate one or

more of the hijackers was in serious pain.

RIA news agency quoted the Russian foreign ministry as saying that if the hijackers demanded to fly to another country, Moscow would immediately establish contact with the competent authorities in that country.

The incident was strikingly similar to a hijack in the same region last December when four gunmen seized a dozen children in Rostov and shuttled them across southern Russia in a helicopter before being arrested by police.

The four burst into a Rostov classroom, firing shots into the air and taking teenagers and a teacher hostage. They commandeered a helicopter, loading it with explosives and flew in stages to Mineralnye Vody.

The hijackers also demanded \$10 million but the five-day drama ended after a gun battle with police. (Reuter)



Vietnamese and American flags fly over the streets of Hanoi yesterday. (AP)

## Convicted assassin of US envoy denies guilt

BEIRUT (AP) — A man sentenced to life imprisonment for the 1976 assassination of the US ambassador proclaimed his innocence in a retrial yesterday, saying he was tortured into confessing.

"I absolutely had nothing to do with the murder," Nameq Ahmed Kamal told the Beirut Criminal Court, presided by Judge George Ghanous.

Kamal, Bassem Mohammed Farh and Toufic Mohammed Faroukh were convicted in absentia May 5 for "aiding and abetting" the kidnapping and murder of US Ambassador Francis E. Meloy, his economic counselor Robert O. Waring and Lebanese driver Mohammed Moghrabi.

The three victims were crossing the Green Line that separated Beirut's Christian and Moslem sectors in June 1976 when they disappeared at the height of sectarian kidnappings during the 1975-90 civil war.

Their bullet-riddled bodies were found several days later on a beach in Moslem west Beirut.

When the three accused Lebanese were sentenced to life imprisonment earlier in the month, the court said their whereabouts were unknown.

But Tuesday, Kamal surrendered to authorities and requested he be tried again. Farh turned up in jail, where he had been held for more than a year on charges of heroin smuggling. Faroukh remains at large.

## Rwandans flee capital

KIGALI (AP) — Army soldiers crammed into trucks and cars moved south from Kigali yesterday along a highway clogged with thousands of civilians fleeing Rwanda's embattled capital.

Exploding mortar shells and small arms fire echoed in the city as UN special envoy Iqbal Riza left Kigali for further talks in Mulindi, a rebel stronghold just south of the Uganda border.

Thousands of Hutus, fearing the steady advance of the mostly Tutsi rebels in Kigali, trudged with their belongings along the road to Gitarama, beneath the rebel guns in the hills that command the road.

Thousands of other refugees were moved north from Butare to Gitarama. It was not immediately clear if they were fleeing rebel advances in the south or the ethnic slaughter that has continued in government-held areas of southern Rwanda.

In Gitarama, 40 km southwest of Kigali, soldiers hastily dug shelters and defenses around the buildings that house the interim government. Government workers stacked boxes of files and suitcases full of luggage at the doors.

A government helicopter landed near the government building yesterday morning and officials told AP photographer Joao Silva that the interim president was arriving for a meeting with his Cabinet ministers. It was not clear if the interim president was

staying somewhere other than Gitarama.

Col. Bicienzaho Tharicisse, the government prefect of Kigali, denied the army was retreating from the capital and told reporters the troops were digging in to defend Kigali.

However, Silva said he saw hundreds of government soldiers moving along the road to Gitarama, many in trucks pulling anti-aircraft artillery.

Some soldiers trudged alongside the thousands of refugees clogging the highway. Others were in private cars with people who appeared to be members of their families.

Rebels overran the airport and the government's adjacent and heavily defended Kanombe camp on Sunday. UN officials have said they expected the rebels to resume their offensive with attacks on the remaining government strongholds.

A murderous chaos has engulfed the country since President Juvenal Habyarimana, a member of the country's majority Hutu ethnic group, died in a mysterious plane crash April 6.

An estimated 200,000 people — most of them Tutsis or Hutus believed opposed to the government — are thought to have been massacred in the slaughter that has followed the president's death. More than 1 million people have fled their homes to escape the bloodshed.

## Antisemitic mural removed from US college campus

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A mural with antisemitic symbols that stirred controversy at San Francisco State University was removed for good early yesterday.

About 60 campus officers in riot gear were on hand when university workers applied a solution that removed the paint, then painted over the concrete wall.

President Robert Corrigan ordered workers Tuesday to paint over the four-meter square mural honoring Malcolm X. Corrigan called it "utterly abhorrent," with its Stars of David near dollar signs, a skull and crossbones and the words "African blood."

On Wednesday, 80 officers looked on when a multiracial group of students defied Corrigan by washing and scraping off hours-old paint covering the work outside the student union.

"We had a moral and legal obligation to

rid our campus of the divisive and hateful images within the mural," Corrigan said.

A group of students booed, cried and argued with one another as university workers slashed grayish paint over the mural at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday.

"We don't care if they care," said student Loretta Carbone, who helped restore the mural showing a portrait of the slain black leader. "It's our school, it's our Malcolm X Plaza, it's our Student Union."

Jewish and other students say the mural's message is bigotry. Protesters said the symbols reinforce negative Jewish stereotypes about money and imply Jews were involved in the slave trade.

San Francisco State has about 27,000 students. About 7 percent are black; 10 percent are Jewish.

The mural was unveiled May 19, which would have been Malcolm X's 69th birthday.

## Clinton ready to renew China trade privileges

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton was ready to extend trade privileges for China once again and was considering no longer making renewal subject to human rights improvements, a senior administration official said.

In Beijing, the government said yesterday it would "not accept attaching any conditions."

Clinton refused to respond during his morning jog yesterday when asked what he might do on the China-trade issue.

The administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Wednesday that Clinton was questioning whether trade was the most effective way to pressure China to improve human rights practices.

A decision to end the linkage would be a clear retreat from his executive order of a year ago in which he said renewal of most-favored-nation trade status would depend on "overall, significant progress" on human rights.

Ending linkage would certainly face a strong challenge in Congress, where advocates of sanctions include Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell.

Administration and congressional sources cautioned that Clinton had not made a final decision on linkage.

In Beijing, Wu Jianmin, spokesman for the foreign ministry, refused to speculate on how China might react to possible US steps.

SARAJEVO (Reuter) — International mediators ended two days of talks with Bosnia's warring factions yesterday without agreement on dividing up the former Yugoslav republic.

Bosnian Serbs accused their Moslem foes of making "megalomaniac demands" for territory at the latest round of peace talks, held in the French lakeside resort of Talloires.

The talks did bring an agreement for Bosnia's Serbs, Croats and Moslems to meet again soon to try to end the war.

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## Bosnian peace talks stall over territory

While the politicians squabbled over maps of their devastated country, their armies were reported to be battling for territory in northern Bosnia.

UN and Bosnian Serb reports said fighting was in progress between Moslem-led government troops backed by Croats against rebel Serbs around Tesanj.

Clashes were also reported in the Moslem enclave of Bihać in north-western Bosnia.

Meanwhile Bosnian Serb parliament speaker Momcilo Krajisnik criticised the Moslems for demanding too much land.

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## Vietnam, US agree to diplomatic missions

HANOI (AP) — Vietnam and the United States have agreed to exchange diplomatic missions, "an important step toward the normalization of relations," the Foreign Ministry announced yesterday.

The agreement comes more than 20 years after the two countries fought each other in a bloody war that divided the United States and cost nearly 60,000 American and as many as 2 million Vietnamese lives.

The ministry said in a statement that last Friday and Saturday, US Assistant Secretary of State Winston Lord and Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister Le Mai "exchanged letters concurring in the establishment of representative offices in their respective capitals."

Le Mai earlier had described the diplomatic missions as a transitional step toward full diplomatic relations.

The statement did not say when the offices would open. A spokesman said he had no additional details.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said in a statement the opening date will depend on implementation of an agreement to return each other's diplomatic properties.

"This office should facilitate progress on all issues of concern, particularly POW-MIA accounting," McCurry said. "The liaison office also will enable us to provide

services for an increasing number of Americans in Vietnam and advance our human rights dialogue."

The United States lists 2,233 Americans as missing in action — MIA — from the war. Vietnam lists 300,000 of its soldiers as missing.

The Clinton administration has made the establishment of diplomatic relations contingent on Vietnam providing more information on MIAs and on improving its record in human rights.

Clinton announced plans to establish the liaison offices when he lifted the 19-year trade embargo against Vietnam on Feb. 3.

Lord is scheduled to visit Hanoi in late June for the second time in six months and is expected to discuss with Vietnamese authorities the establishment of full diplomatic relations, human rights violations and progress on accounting for the MIAs.

The State Department's annual world-wide report on human rights for 1993, released Feb. 1, said that although senior government officials have publicly asserted a profound commitment to human rights, the government continued violations last year and holds political prisoners.

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# Smashnova downed by Stafford

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ISRAEL'S Anna Smashnova, who created a stir at the French Open on Tuesday by putting out the fifth seed Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic, was beaten by American Shaun Stafford yesterday.

Stafford, ranked 75 in the world, beat Smashnova 6-4, 6-1. The American now leads Smashnova 2-0 in head-to-head encounters. They first met in Sydney in September where Stafford won 6-2, 6-1.

Seventeen-year-old Smashnova - currently 94th in the world - should now advance in the rankings to around the 60-mark.

"This is a tremendous boost to Anna's self-confidence," said Freddie Krivine, president of the Israel Tennis Association, who was instrumental in advancing her career.

Smashnova returns to Israel on Sunday with her coach David Cody to prepare for her debut at Wimbledon which starts on June 20.

In other action yesterday, second-seeded Michael Stich, playing listlessly, crumbled in straight sets to Aaron Krickstein to become the latest big name ousted from the tournament.

Krickstein needed only steady, unspectacular play to crush the German, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 in a second-



EASY WINNER - Aaron Krickstein of the US returns a shot to an off-form Michael Stich. (Reuter)

round match before a disappointed Center Court crowd. Stich admitted later he played "very, very bad."

In another surprise, 19-year-old Hendrik Dreckmann of Germany ousted 15th-seeded Carlos Costa of Spain, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4, 6-4 for his

first career Grand Slam victory. And Spain's unseeded Alberto Berasategui, a rising clay-court star, toppled the highest-ranked Frenchman, 14th-seeded Cedric Pioline, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

In a record-setting marathon of

non-seeds, Ronald Agener of Haiti outlasted Germany's David Prinosil, 6-7 (7-4), 6-7 (7-2), 6-3, 6-4, 14-12. The 71-game match, interrupted by darkness Wednesday night, was the longest at French Open since the tiebreaker was adopted in 1973.

## Messier pulls through for Rangers

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Mark Messier guaranteed Game 6 and delivered.

Messier scored three third-period goals, including the game-winner with 7:48 to play Wednesday night, and the New York Rangers rallied from a two-goal deficit to beat the New Jersey Devils 4-3 and force a seventh game in the Eastern Conference final.

The deciding game will be played tonight at New York City's Madison Square Garden, where the Devils have already won two of three games in this series. The winner will open the Stanley Cup final series next Tuesday against Vancouver.

**NHL Playoff Glimpse**  
**Finals (Best of 7)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
Wednesday's result:  
NY Rangers 4, New Jersey 2  
Series tied 3-3

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
Vancouver wins series 4-1  
No games last night  
Today:  
New Jersey at NY Rangers

## Rockets beat Jazz

HOUSTON (AP) - Hakeem Olajuwon had 41 points, 13 rebounds and six assists to lead the Houston Rockets to a 104-99 victory over the Utah Jazz in Game 2 of the Western Conference final Wednesday night.

Before the game, Olajuwon was named MVP, and afterward he said the award contributed to his performance.

If there was an overriding reason why Olajuwon was chosen, it

was because he carried a team with no other stars. He scored 12 of Houston's final 19 points, made all 13 of his free throws and 14 of 22 attempts from the field to lead Houston to a 2-0 lead in the best-of-7 series.

The Jazz played much better than they did in the series opener and kept it close until the final 30 seconds.

## Playoffs on Cable TV

Sports Channel 5 will broadcast the following games this weekend: Game 2 of the Houston-Utah Western Conference final tonight at 10:30 p.m. Game 2 of the New York-Indiana Eastern Conference final tomorrow at 10:30 p.m. Game 3 between New York and Indiana live (tentative) tomorrow night at 12:15.

**NBA Playoff Glimpse**  
**Finals (Best of 7)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
New York leads Indiana 1-0  
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
Wednesday's result:  
Houston 104, Utah 99  
Houston leads series 2-0

Last night's scheduled game:  
New York at Indiana  
Today:  
Houston at Utah  
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New York at Indiana

## National soccer battle for third still hot

ORI LEWIS

WITH just two rounds of the 1993-94 soccer season remaining, most of the important questions have been answered.

Maccabi Haifa clinched the National League crown last weekend, leaving Maccabi Tel Aviv high and dry in second place. The Haifaites will begin their official celebrations at Kiryat Eliezer tomorrow evening as they play Iroai Ashdod in front of their home supporters as champions.

As definite second-place finishers, Tel Aviv is assured a place in Europe next season in either the UEFA Cup or in the Cup Winners Cup, if they beat Hapoel Tel Aviv in the State Cup final.

The battle for third place is still a red-hot battle with Hapoel Beersheba hosting a lackluster Bnei Yehuda side and Betar Jerusalem at home to mediocre Maccabi Herzliya.

Beersheba leads Betar by one point and with a possible UEFA

match which is certain to be a battle royal.

Shimshon is currently in fourth place with a three-point lead over Bat Yam. But should Bat Yam win, the team will clinch the play-off spot because it has a better goal difference.

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This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches kick off at 10:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. unless otherwise stated):

Hapoel Haifa vs. Hapoel Kfar Sava, Kiryat Eliezer, today; Maccabi Haifa vs. Iroai Ashdod, Kiryat Eliezer, tomorrow; 6 p.m.; Maccabi Tel Aviv vs. Maccabi Petach Tikva, Ramat Gan, tomorrow, 6 p.m.; Hapoel Beersheba vs. Bnei Yehuda, Beersheba; Betar Jerusalem vs. Maccabi Herzliya, Teddy Stadium; Hapoel Holon vs. Hapoel Petach Tikva, today; Maccabi Netanya vs. Hapoel Tel Aviv, today.

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**BASKETBALL** - Wednesday's AL results: Baltimore 6, Milwaukee 5; Seattle 1, Oakland 1; Cleveland at Boston (ppd.); Detroit 9, California 7; New York 5, Toronto 2; Chicago 12, Minnesota 1; Kansas City 8, Texas 6.

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## Dirani capture points to past intelligence failures

The capture of Shi'ite leader Mustafa Dirani may make little difference in the search for Ron Arad, Steve Rodan reports

It was toward the end of a briefing this week when an official began expressing concern about how Israelis would view the abduction of Shi'ite militia commander Mustafa Dirani.

"Our way is not to look back," the official said. "If we produce an atmosphere of self-criticism, then this will have an effect on the mission. This could demoralize people at a time when we want to raise morale."

The abduction of the 46-year-old former Amal security chief - head of the Hizbullah-aligned Faithful Resistance Movement and a suspected accomplice in the taking of Western hostages - might have been a model commando operation. The midnight raid may have shaken the confidence of hardened Shi'ite terrorists around Lebanon.

But to many former and current IDF officers, the capture of Dirani highlighted yet another attempt to compensate for what they say has been the inept handling of the Ron Arad affair by several Israeli governments.

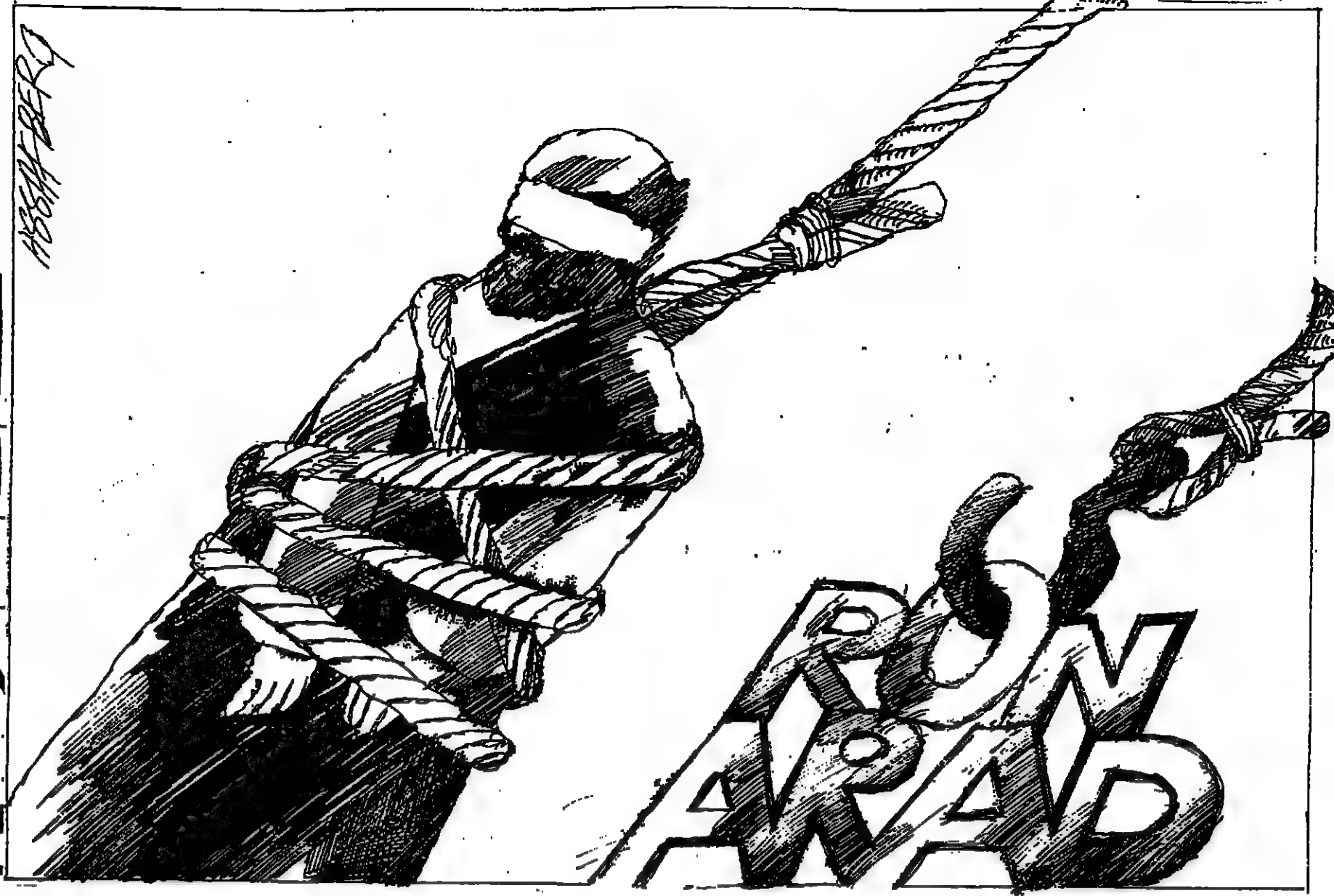
Indeed, some intelligence sources doubt that Arad is even being held in the Middle East, let alone in neighboring Lebanon.

"There has been a total intelligence failure and the one responsible for this is the chief of military intelligence," said Tsomet MK Moshe Peled, a reserve colonel and member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

Peled charges that chief of military intelligence Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy has been pressing for the Dirani abduction for two years to make up for the total lack of knowledge as to Arad's whereabouts and the identity of his captors. Senior intelligence sources agree with his premise, saying the search for Arad was bungled from October 16, 1986, the day the Air Force navigator bailed out of his Phantom jet during a raid over south Lebanon.

Last week, the opportunity again arose to abduct Dirani. As one defense source recalls, the decision was taken quickly. The considerations were limited.

"It was a tactical decision," said



the source, who did not want to be named. "There were no papers presented or strategy planned. It was simply, 'We know where he is. He's a bad guy anyway. So, what do we have to lose?' It didn't go beyond that."

So far, Dirani has provided no surprises. Nearly a week after he arrived, the Shi'ite commander has been termed a "tough nut to crack." Deputy chief of staff Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shabak told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that Dirani, a sworn opponent of Israel even during his Amal days, knows how to bear well under interrogation and is convinced that his Israeli captors will not hurt him.

The assessment is that it will take several months at least before Dirani considers cooperating with Israel.

As with any mission of this sort, the Dirani abduction has several goals. The maximum hoped for is to get Dirani to announce details of his handover of Arad to Iran.

Or Israel might broadcast a video of Dirani handing over Arad to

the Revolutionary Guard, for which commandos searched in the operation. This, officials hope, might result in international pressure on Iran, which has consistently denied holding Arad.

The Israeli assessment is that Arad is being held somewhere in Iran. Israeli officials have asked Western governments to share intelligence on Iran that might bolster the meager information it has on the captured navigator.

Dirani could shed light on one theory regarding Arad's fate bandied by some intelligence sources. This view asserts that Arad was held in Lebanon during the 1980s, but when the negotiations for the release of Western hostages began in earnest in 1990, Arad was smuggled out of the Middle East to another stronghold of Iran and Hizbullah.

BUT CLINTON BAILEY, an expert on Lebanese Shi'ites, is not optimistic. Iran and Hizbullah, he says, just don't play by the usual rules of hostage-taking - not with Israel, that is.

"They haven't been moved by the 1989 kidnapping of Hizbullah

commander, Sheikh Abdul Karim Obaid or that of relatives of Hizbullah leaders. There's little hope that they will feel differently in the wake of Dirani's capture."

"It's a real zero-sum game," Bailey says. "They [Iran and Hizbullah] don't know what they're going to get for [Arad]. But they know [he's] valuable. In the meantime, the less they say, the higher the price."

Intelligence sources, many of them senior officers who do not want to be identified, say Israel wasted precious time in finding a channel to a leader as accessible as Amal's Nabih Berri, who was not contacted by Israel until February 1987.

Bailey, a former adviser to the Defense Ministry, says the "original sin" was that Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon in 1985 without ensuring a channel to Amal, then a moderate militia movement. The Israelis cold-shouldered Amal and Berri, believing they were Syrian puppets.

"It was an enormous policy failure," says Bailey, who today

teaches at Tel Aviv University. "So, when Ron Arad came up, they had nobody to talk to."

Israeli officials acknowledge that the negotiations with Berri were handled sloppily. The Amal leader demanded the release of thousands of prisoners for the return of Arad along with a hefty ransom. Later, he lowered his sights and spoke in terms of hundreds of released prisoners. Meanwhile, Arad was allowed to send a letter and a picture back home.

"We got the impression that the talks were making progress and we were getting closer," a senior official, who did not want to be named, recalls. "The talks, however, were halted."

The main reason, the official says, was the outbreak of the Palestinian uprising. Suddenly, the IDF brass and security services had their hands full with massive, daily riots in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Political leaders were preoccupied with the diplomatic fallout.

The main question officials asked was what effect a massive prisoner release would have on the

violence in the territories. Some IDF sources recall that Israeli leaders didn't respond quickly enough to Amal's negotiating demands. Others say the government believed it should take a harder line than during previous talks on a prisoner exchange. One official made this public knowledge.

By late 1988, Arad was no longer in Amal's hands. Dirani had tried and failed to take over the militia, and he was ousted as security chief. He took Arad with him to Hizbullah and later, Israeli officials say, sold Arad for \$300,000 to the Iranian Revolutionary Guards.

From 1987, Israel has not received any sign of life from Arad. This, despite the Obaid abduction. Today, Obaid is still in an Israeli prison and officials are no wiser regarding the fate of Arad.

"We had lousy intelligence all along," said a senior defense source. "What more can I say?"

Another opportunity to retrieve Arad arose during the 1990-91 negotiations for the return of West-

ern hostages in Lebanon. The Hizbullah captors demanded that Israel release Shi'ite prisoners for the release of the Westerners. Israeli officials wanted to ensure that its soldiers missing in action would be freed as well.

Then UN secretary-general Javier Perez de Cuellar led the efforts to free the hostages, aided by his negotiator, Giandomenico Pico. Perez de Cuellar kept promising that he would deal with the Israeli MIAs once the Western hostages were freed.

"The problem was that some of the foreign countries and families of the hostages saw them as a separate case," recalled Yohanan Bein, a former Israeli ambassador to the UN and a member of the negotiating team. "We claimed the opposite was true. That they were taken in action but were being treated as hostages."

Israel was certain that Iran or Hizbullah was holding Arad but had no details and no leads. "It is clear that had we had information on Ron Arad, we could have been more effective," said one official, who did not want to be identified. "If we had updated information to give visiting foreign dignitaries, it would have given them more incentive."

The result was that Israeli officials, who had sharp disagreements over strategy, relied totally on Perez de Cuellar. Some of them, particularly chief Israeli negotiator Uri Lubrani, echoed the optimism of the UN secretary-general about an imminent release of the missing Israeli soldiers.

Israel freed 93 low-security risk detainees from the Al-Khiam prison in south Lebanon. By the time the last Western hostage was released, Israeli negotiators realized they had been deceived. Weeks later, Perez de Cuellar's term expired and Pico resigned.

"I don't know if Perez de Cuellar was fooled by the Iranians or fooled us," said a senior official, who did not want to be named. "Later, Pico told us the Iranians wouldn't play the game. I am sure Pico really wanted the release. Perez de Cuellar wanted the Western hostages more."

Weeks after Perez de Cuellar left the UN, some Israeli officials involved in the hostage negotiations drew their own conclusions. Uri Slonim was the first to resign. Lubrani soon followed. Neither wanted to speak about the Arad affair.

Since the end of the hostage affair, defense sources say, Dirani had been an Israeli target. Several months ago, they add, an attempt to abduct Dirani was postponed to allow US President Bill Clinton to appeal to the Iranians via Damascus for the release of Arad.

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# Palestinian security starts up from scratch

THE headquarters of the general security service, reads a big handwritten sign in Arabic at the entrance to a villa in Jericho. Pictures of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, assassinated PLO operations chief Abu Jihad, and Jibril Rajoub, the new chief of the security service here, adorn the gate. Crowds patiently mill at the entrance, waiting to get a glimpse of Rajoub.

Young Fatah activists guard the offices inside, many of whom used to handle security at Orient House, the Palestinians' center in Jerusalem. Equipped with handguns, they now work for Rajoub.

"Have you ever seen a chief of security who makes himself available to the people and receives them in his headquarters?" Rajoub asks a visitor. "This," he says, "is to show the population that the new authority wants to rule democratically."

Rajoub was speaking in his office early one afternoon this week; he'd been receiving people since early morning. "They come to welcome me back. I am a symbol for Fatah activists," he adds with obvious pride. As an activist from Dura outside Hebron, Rajoub was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1970 for throwing a grenade at Israeli soldiers. Released

in 1985 in the Ahmed Jibril prisoner exchange, he soon ran afoul of the Israeli authorities again, and was deported in 1988 for incitement and organizing the intifada. He promptly joined the intifada office in Tunis, where he became Arafat's adviser on the territories, responsible for the Shabiba, one of the armed Fatah cadres.

Opposition groups like Hamas don't worry Rajoub. The interest they've shown in talking to the Palestinian authority, he said, is a positive sign. He himself has two brothers in Hamas, both of whom were among the 400 deportees exiled to Lebanon for a year.

Until there are elections, he insists, Fatah is the ruling power. The authority council is composed mostly of Fatah members, and it will call the shots.

Rajoub is not uncomfortable with the idea of an unelected group running the entity. "The people here lived for 27 years under occupation; they will have to bear the new authority for another six months, until the elections take place."

Rajoub is confident that the Palestinian authority will accept the election results, no matter who wins. But he has no doubt Fatah will prevail. He said it is now up to the Palestinian authority and the

**New security chief Jibril Rajoub is trying to put a friendly face on officialdom by opening his door to all visitors, Lamia Lahoud reports**

security service to convince the Palestinians that the autonomy agreement serves their best interest. The Palestinian authority will protect the agreement and try to make it work.

And what about violations? Both sides will probably violate the agreement, he allows, but the joint Palestinian-Israeli security coordinating committee will address such issues and try to resolve them.

He thinks there is good understanding between the sides, and a willingness to cooperate. But it will not be his security service which will coordinate and cooperate with the Israelis, he insists. This is the job of the police officers in the coordinating committee. "At most, we may have a representative on the committee," he says.

Rajoub concedes it is time to start disarming Palestinians who can sabotage the agreement, but Hamas is clearly not on his mind.

"We will have to disarm the collaborators who were armed by the Israelis, and others," he asserts.

He declines to say whether that also meant disarming Hamas and other rejectionist groups which oppose the agreement. Nor is he concerned about armed Fatah activists.

"We know who they are and we know they are willing to cooperate with us," he says. A Fatah leader from the territories who works with Rajoub told this reporter that the security service would order all those who did not have a gun license to surrender their weapons to the authority. "Those who refuse will be arrested," said the Fatah leader.

Rajoub has no doubt that the settlements are the main obstacle to peace and the implementation of the agreement. His negotiations with the Israelis have convinced him that the IDF knows the dangers and security problems

posed by the settlements.

The final draft of the Palestinian basic laws is ready, but will be published only after the first meeting of the national authority in about a week, says Rajoub.

Until then, the Palestinians will use existing Jordanian and British Mandate laws. The security service, he says, has the authority from the PLO leadership and from Fatah to do its job and arrest people if necessary. The authority will enforce the law and make the agreement work, he says confidently.

For now, his operation seems embryonic at best. There are only two telephones in his offices, and no computers or files. His desk is empty, the room not air-conditioned. Only a fan provides some relief from the stifling desert heat.

But Rajoub neither complains nor blames Israel for the lack of organization. "We can't expect the Israelis to leave us their telephones, faxes and other equip-



Jibril Rajoub: Palestinians are coming to my office to welcome me back. I am a symbol for Fatah activists. (Sant Ushay)

ment," he says. "It is our responsibility now. We want to build our own national authority. The PLO

proved able in the past to overcome difficulties; it will do so again."

## Rabin: Peace can succeed despite Arafat

**The prime minister is pinning the accord's success on the Palestinians, rather than on their leader, whom he calls a 'master of survival, but the builder of nothing,' David Makovsky reports**

PRIME Minister Rabin still believes strongly that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat was the only peace partner who could have made a deal with Israel. But the premier now sounds increasingly skeptical that the PLO leader has the breadth of vision and commitment to make the deal work.

Yet Rabin is not deterred. His main message to reporters at a briefing on the Israel-PLO accord at the Defense Ministry this week is that peace can succeed, not because of, but despite, Arafat. He derisively called Arafat "chief talker."

Rabin believes even Arafat knows he has the most to lose if the current experiment fails. But the prime minister is counting even more on there being enough realists around Arafat and among the Palestinian police deployed in Gaza and Jericho to realize that the success of the accord depends on providing security for Israel.

When it comes to what counts "on the ground," Rabin says, so far, so good. He would like a clarification from Arafat on previous remarks, but Rabin's bottom line is: Judge this agreement less on what one man in Tunis says, and more on what the Palestinians

actually do in Gaza and Jericho. Rabin, the nuts-and-bolts prime minister, is the polar opposite of Arafat, who loves oratory and has been described by some critics as the Middle East equivalent of Disney's Magic Kingdom chairman. In his inimitable flick-of-the-wrist style, Rabin dismisses Arafat's recent remarks about a "jihad" about the breaking of a truce between Mohammed and the Kurash tribe, about nullifying IDF regulations in Gaza-Jericho, all as "drivel."

Arafat's statements stand in great contrast to remarks by Rabin himself, who has recently made comments about the evils of control over the territories. Arafat may not have changed, but Rabin has. Last Saturday night, Rabin dwelled on the problems of the IDF being "an occupation army." Recently, he warned coalition members in the Knesset that bloodshed will continue so long as Israel controls territories against Palestinian will. The upshot of this for Rabin is unmistakable: Israeli control, certainly of all the territories, cannot work.

For at least the last eight months, Rabin and the top IDF officials surrounding him — the very people he trusts the most —



Top military aides to the government note the cooperative spirit of the newly deployed Palestinian police. (Reuters)

have had intense contact with Palestinians in a way they have never had before. While militaries around the world are usually seen as the most isolated elements in society, the top brass of this military, always priding itself on its pragmatism, has had a whirl at being diplomats. They are believers that both Israel and Palestinians have a stake in making this accord work.

It is not that they have been seduced by Palestinian promises. Rather, Rabin, perhaps prompted by the top brass, has undergone virtual intellectual revolution.

This change is predicated upon his newly defined emerging sense of the limits of force. The man who once called on soldiers to "break the bones" of Palestinians

during the intifada has finally reached the conclusion that there can be no security if Palestinian basic demands are not addressed. His goal is that Israeli security and Palestinian rights become two sides of the same coin.

Even if the accord fails, Rabin prefers to be the tough guy looking into Gaza, instead of having the IDF be a target for Palestinians in the Jabalya refugee camp. He figures it is easier to make forays into Gaza as the IDF does in Lebanon.

THE CHANGE in Rabin's thinking has been reinforced by what he and his top military aides say is the cooperative spirit, at least during this preliminary period, of the newly deployed Palestinian police.

A senior IDF official said that an intellectual divide has also been traversed by the Palestinians. The whole idea of Palestinian police cooperating with Israel was "a dirty word at the start of negotiations. Only in the last few months, the Palestinians realized they needed cooperation," he said.

However, beyond the role of the Palestinian police, senior military officials are optimistic because they believe Palestinians realize the litmus test ahead. "It is the Palestinians who told us — not us telling them — during the negotiations over the last eight months that the whole accord will not move forward unless there is security for Israel," a senior IDF official said. At the same time, he quickly added the caveat that there is a distinction between real-

izing this conceptually and actually having the outright capability to foil terror attacks.

This same senior official does not believe Arafat can wreck it all. The official predicted that "if his decision-making style does not change once he gets to the territories, he will face shock waves among the Palestinians." The official suggested the Arabs view cooperation with Israel as key to improving their day-to-day life.

Yet, it remains far from certain that Arafat can accomplish what few such as India's Nehru and Turkey's Ataturk have done in this century, namely make the leap from being a revolutionary to a nation-builder.

Rabin chafes at the disconnection between Arafat's statements and reality on the ground, charg-

ing "he is the master of survival, but the builder of nothing, so far."

A senior military official said the PLO leader is a "mixture of reality and imagination," noting how Arafat is capable of contradicting himself within minutes in meeting with Israeli interlocutors.

Another senior official said Arafat can sign letters for three different Palestinian companies authorizing each one as winner of exclusive economic concessions in an area of self-rule. Even Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who has been most publicly supportive of Arafat, has long since reached a conclusion that ideally, the PLO leader should turn over the reins and take the peace process to next phase.

Rabin's irritation with Arafat stems from this sense that he milstone around the prime minister's neck who can drag down political support.

Rabin is annoyed with Arafat beyond the fact that he ruined recent ceremonies that could have given the Israeli leader a political boost, namely the signing ceremony in Cairo and the IDF withdrawal from Gaza. The first marred due to his refusal to the maps, and the second overshadowed by Arafat's j comments.

Always testing limits and nevering, Arafat seems to be oscillating. On one side, he speaks to signal to his own people that he is not thrilled with concessions he made in deals Israel. On the other side, he so far avoided taking egregious practical steps that would Rabin to halt the accord.

However, Arafat should warn that such maneuver will not likely work over. Rather, such tactics undermine commodity in short supply requisite Israeli public confidence needed to move forward to peace. Rabin and the military believe Palestinians below Arafatize this fully, knowing they the most to lose.

Rabin knows if this deal not succeed despite Arafat PLO leader will not be the one who failed. The prime minister's political fortunes are inextricably intertwined with the success of this accord.

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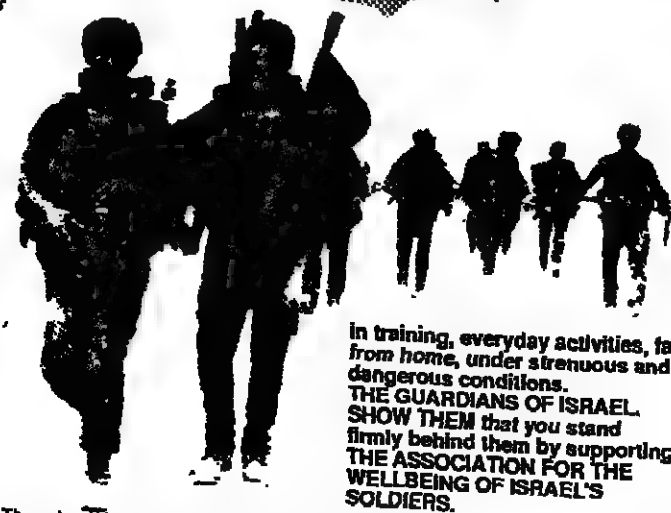
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# Appeals chief: An officer and a gentlewoman

**Shula Legum talks to Hannah Semer about how she has built a military career by helping soldiers who have problems**

**B**RIGADIER-General Shula Legum was on the telephone to the IDF's deputy chief medical officer. She had been alerted by the worried mother of a soldier who was having fainting spells. He was being treated at his unit's infirmary, but the unit's regular doctor was away. The reservist physician would not tell the mother what the problem was.

Legum asked the medical officer to look into the case and update her so she could allay the mother's fears.

Day in and day out, dozens of times a day, and on the emergency line at night as well, the IDF's chief of personal appeals is bombarded by calls for help. In 1993, there were 12,500 written requests, not counting the calls made to the emergency line.

No other army in the world is known to have such an office. Visitors from foreign defense establishments have expressed interest in this innovation.

All requests for help are registered the day they land on Legum's desk. "We do not go home," she says, "until all the envelopes have been opened and we've started processing the letters." The information is all com-



Shula Legum: The IDF has done more than any large business in this country to promote women's equality. (IDF)

puterized, but the road between the appeals office and other IDF departments is strewn with paperwork.

Legum's offices are small. Enlisted personnel handling requests for help have hardly enough space to do their jobs. Even the chief's private office is very modest.

military, and not only by people who have turned to her for help. She takes an active interest in the arts, literature, and music, attending exhibitions and other events. She is also active in the Council for a Beautiful Israel.

For Legum, cultural activities are one facet of her job. "Human relations are based on culture," she says.

She is not empowered to ascertain whether a soldier's rights have been respected. A soldier who believes they have been violated can appeal to the IDF ombudsman, whose approach is strictly legal; Legum's is extrajudicial. The ombudsman's criterion is judicial; hers, human.

Does that make the job a woman's preserve? That's hard to tell, as the job goes back to the mid-70s and no one else ever filled it.

The office was created in response to the severe problems experienced by soldiers mobilized for the Yom Kippur War and its aftermath. The IDF had relied heavily on reservists, who served for six or seven months in a row. The self-employed among them had to close their businesses; some suffered emotionally or in other ways.

The IDF recognized that soldiers needed an address for their complaints and pleas for help, someone other than commanding officers. So it created that address.

Even in peacetime, soldiers and, especially, their parents have relied on the personal-appeals office. A parent might call the hot line in the middle of the night because a daughter was not issued a sweater, according to Legum.

If fathers of servicemen call, they sometimes don't stop with their complaint but go on to offer advice on how to run the army, says Legum.

As it happens, the calls for help have taught the IDF an important lesson. "The army started the office to solve personal problems,

but the calls made it clear that there were obsolete orders, regulations and practices that needed to be changed," she explains.

The 24-hour emergency line was established less than three years ago; last year it fielded 22,000 calls. Such calls are handled immediately, but non-emergency requests for help also get prompt attention. Each letter is acknowledged, each request for a meeting answered. However, the staff is sometimes so overworked it cannot reply the same day or even the same week.

The appeals come from servicemen and women, and their families, some of whom first approach the office of the president. MKs, the Defense Ministry and the General Staff before being referred to Legum's office.

There are pleas from families in severe financial straits who seek economic support - which the army occasionally provides - or a reassignment close to home for a soldier who has to help his loved ones make ends meet. In these cases, the IDF gives its permission for the soldier to work at a paying job as, for example, a night watchman. Sometimes a family member's poor health is the reason for reassignment.

Complaints are also received regarding the conduct of a soldier's commanders.

The correct handling of appeals demands sensitivity, experience and maturity, as well as complete familiarity with military and civilian bureaucracies. Legum has shown that she has what it takes.

SHE IS married to Prof. Cyril Legum, the head of Ichilov Hospital's Genetic Institute. They have four children, all sons "despite his being a geneticist," Legum wryly observes. She has managed to combine a long military career and family life, relying on two ingredients - "will power and an understanding spouse."

Despite her own success at climbing up the IDF ladder, Legum opposes women serving in combat, in the field or in the air.

"Do you have any idea how costly a fighter pilot's training is? It costs millions of shekels, and in dozens of years' service - conscript and regular and reserve - the IDF gets a good return on this expensive investment," Legum argues, however, that it is unreasonable to expect a woman to serve 20 or more years in a combat unit.

"There are many opportunities in the military for women short of

combat service," she says. "A woman may yet be appointed judge advocate-general or chief education officer or adjutant-general." But, she adds, "no one has the right to deny a woman the great privilege of being a mother."

Legum has taken maternity leave four times since joining the IDF, and accompanied her husband when he was abroad for 3½ years doing academic work. Women should not be deprived of these privileges, she argues.

She also takes issue with the argument that IDF practice influences what happens in this security-conscious society: If the army doesn't have a female chief of staff or chief of intelligence, for example, you can't expect a bank to appoint a woman CEO.

Legum believes the opposite: Inequality begins in society itself; the IDF serves as a convenient scapegoat. "Why complain about the Air Force having no women fighter pilots? El Al and Arkia do not hire women pilots, and they are not taken to task for it."

"In the IDF," she says, "we have made more progress in promoting women's equality than any other organization. And more advances are yet to come."

## Declaration on Homosexual Abominations and Lesbianism

Judaism has no missionaries, and does not actively engage in proselytizing others to its faith. The reason for this is to be understood by those who branch their Judaism views homosexuals, from the perspective of universal morality. Jews have no missionaries, because we believe, as the Talmud says, that "The righteous of all nations have a share in the world to come," as all righteous may have salvation outside the fold of Judaism. The catch is that one qualifies as righteous by subscribing to seven principles of universal morality called the Noahide Laws, which all mankind, as descendants of Noah, are obliged to fulfill.

The Noahide Laws demand the death penalty for a male gentile who has sexual relations with a male. The consenting partner is also killed (Yad, Hil. Issurei Biah, Chap. 14; S.A. Yoreh Deah; Aruch Hashulchan Title 268).

Jews are commanded, with respect to the Noahide Laws, not to remain passive but are required, according to the Maimonides' Code, "to compel all inhabitants of the world to abide by the laws that the descendants of Noah were commanded ... and everyone who accepts the Noahide Laws, and is diligent in their observance, is considered of the righteous of the world, and has a share in the world to come." (Hil. Melachim 8:10). It has always been considered obligatory for the Jew to address himself to the Noahide Laws, for they codify universal morality. What Judaism is in effect conveying through the Noahide Laws is that the ultimate theological and philosophical problems of our time are not to be decided on the basis of what is usually called "liberalism," but by our choice between a barbaric and civilized world. It is for this reason that tyrants, who pursue barbarism, have always sensed in Judaism a formidable foe.

The Torah prescribes the death penalty for Jews who engage in homosexual relations, as it is written (Leviticus 20:13): "And if a man lies with man as with a woman, both of them have committed abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them." The death penalty was imposed by warning and trial of two witnesses, a Jew who engages in homosexual relations incurs the penalty of extirpation, - Keret (Mishna Kriat 1:1).

Since the destruction of the Temple, and the abolition of capital punishment, Jews incur only the penalty of Keret, and may purge themselves of the penalty through repentance. (Hil. Tshuva 1:3). However, the Jew is taught that God's options to punish are open, and he can receive "death at the hands of Heaven."

Advocacy of moral crimes is considered in the same category as idolatrous advocacy. The advocate, be he your own brother, son of your mother ... or your daughter, or the wife of your friend, or your friend, or as your own self" (Deuteronomy 13:7) to be disposed of, as a threat to the "Covenantal Community." Such a person is not to be pitied, spared or killed (v. 10). This is one of four cases where the Torah demands that the courts publicize the case - "And all Israel shall hear and fear, and shall not continue to perform any such evil as this, in your midst." (v. 12).

When an individual engages in sinful acts in the arena of the public sector, he violates other laws bearing on the sanctity of God. One cannot take the position in Judaism that he will be a thief in the community or an adulterer or homosexual, and seek acceptance in the Jewish community because he is a sinner, or that he is a sinner, and he prays to God, performs acts of charity, is compassionate or a "nice guy."

If the sinner cannot rid himself of his sin, then at least he should cut himself off from the community, and take a low profile. Committing his sins in the eyes of the community violates the commandments of the Torah, dealing with the sanctity of the Jewish community; he profanes the name of God in public, as it is stated (Leviticus 22:32): "And you shall not profane My holy name; and I shall be sanctified in the Israelite community." To publicly sin adds the sin of blasphemy.

An incident involving the profanation of God's name is related in Leviticus Chap. 24; the son of Shimon Bat Divri, a Jewess married to an Egyptian, publicly blasphemed God, and was

executed. According to Numbers 15:31, regarding the association of the name of Judaism with perverse acts, it goes without saying that those who branch their immorality cannot be spokespeople for Judaism, or use the word "Jewish" in this context. Aside from the proscriptions of Torah Law, they violate ethical principles, and commit an act of fraud, by creating the impression on the public that Judaism and perversion can coexist.

Homosexuality is a cardinal crime in Judaism. The rabbis have ruled that, if someone threatens to kill a Jew, that Jew is obliged to break all the commandments of the Torah rather than be killed - unless he has broken certain Torah commandments - idolatry, bloodshed and a capital sex crime, including having homosexual (male) relations and adultery (Sanhedrin 74a; Yad, Hil. Yesodei Hatorah Chap 5). Under these circumstances, one may eat non-kosher food or violate the Sabbath, profane Yom Kippur, etc. However, this applies in the private sector, and not publicly. If the issue is in the public sector, the entire community must risk their lives, if one law is under threat. The martyrdom of our people throughout history, in such cases, is legion. Jews have died at Kiddush HaShem (to sanctify the name of God) rather than violate Torah Laws publicly, or commit cardinal crimes privately. A Jew must risk his life to prevent cardinal crimes (Mishna Sanhedrin 73a) and the public desecration of God's name (Yad, ibid.).

The use of the word "abomination" in Leviticus to describe a homosexual act makes it mandatory for a Jew, when referring to the act or people who engage in said act, to use pejorative adjectives. Hence, to use such expressions as "gay," or "sexual preference," or "homophobe," is blasphemous. Expressions such as "pervert," "faggot," "fair," or "tomphobe," are more apropos. America's leading Jewish legal authority, Rabbi Meale Feinstein (1895-1986) stated that the underworld holds perverts in contempt, which is indicative of their place on the scale of degrees of corruption of civilization.

Lesbianism is considered a perversion, according to Jewish Law (J. Talmud Gittin 8:49; Shabbat 65a; Yebamot 76a; Yad, Hil. Issurei Biah 21:3). However, it is not in the same category as homosexual intercourse among males ("mishkav zachar") which incurs the death penalty.

The association of lesbianism with Judaism, however, is considered infinitely worse, especially in the public domain, than lesbianism itself, because it involves the public profanation of the name of God ("Hilul HaShem") and violates positive and negative commandments of the Torah, such as "You shall not profane My holy name" (Ibid 23:32). The very association of Judaism with lesbianism disgraces and embarrasses a holy people, who are consecrated as a holy people in the service of God, and have been chosen to serve the gentiles as a "Kingdom of Priests." It is as if the individuals who have done this have declared war against Israel and God.

The community must not be misled into believing that, because homosexuals and lesbians who publicly flaunt their tendencies observe kosher laws, the Sabbath, the holidays, pray, etc., that they have merit in their deeds. Just as a building must rest upon a foundation or it will fall, so these laws and practices rest on a covenantal foundation - the Abrahamic covenant, which is predicated by the universal covenant of morality, established by God with Noah.

God has warned on several occasions that, if we commit any sexual abominations, we would be "spelled" out of the land, as our predecessors were, when they indulged in such perverted practices (e.g., Leviticus 18:24-30; 20:22-26). This is authentic Zionism, which is proclaimed throughout the Tanach ... Israel's right to the land is predicated on its behavior as a holy nation, in default of which it has no rights granted to it by God the Creator of Heaven and Earth, who decided to give a specific part of planet Earth to Israel, within designated boundaries - this is the quintessence of the Covenant.

Accordingly, the Bet Din Elyon of America hereby gives notice of a cease and desist order, served on YAD VASHEM, and filed in the Bet Din Yerushalayim - as follows:

"You are to cease and desist from programming a memorial ceremony for homosexuals who died in the Shoah of Churban Europe at Yad Vashem, which is scheduled for May 30, 1994, and at any time in the future. Such a ceremony desecrates the memory of Kedushim, and is also an affront to the Righteous Gentiles of the world. In doing this terrible thing, Yad Vashem would be committing a terrible travesty of making a kiddush HaShem. Instead of a Kiddush HaShem, it would violate its fiduciary obligations, both morally and legally, as an amuta. Failure to cease and desist will result in a worldwide boycott against Yad Vashem."

In the event that Yad Vashem fails to cease and desist, we urge the public to stop supporting it, and expect our clergy, and of all Bnai Noah religions to take the leadership and boycott this enterprise, and we expect those people of moral courage in the Knesset to legislate against its further support.

We also condemn GAY PRIDE MONTH and its misguided supporters in the Ministry of Tourism. The distinguished scientists, members of this Bet Din of international repute, also serve notice upon the Ministry of Health: As both scientists and rabbis, and invoking the rule of "Chamura Sakanta Meisura" - danger to life pre-empts halachic prohibitions - they declare that Gay Pride Month will bring an influx of AIDS infected homosexuals into Israel, which will eventually result in infecting the population and increased deaths. We ask the public to contemplate the following Midrash:

"When God saw the wicked people of the generation declaring, 'ad nauseam' (Sura) 'we have the right to decide for himself how he shall conduct his life, as long as it does not interfere with someone else's rights,' and when he also saw that good people stood by and did nothing to protest this, He who 'mechadesh b'ruvo bechoi yom tamid ma'asai b'zashit' - renews his creation every day - said, 'Let there be AIDS, and there was AIDS.' And this disease began to kill those who committed these sins, and also innocent people became infected, because He had warned mankind (Ezekiel 8:4) to protest and scream bloody murder at the abominations and iniquities of society."

We urge the public to organize demonstrations in front of the Ministry of Tourism, to persuade them to cancel this disgusting Gay Pride Month under threat of declaring a prohibition against vacationing in Israel this year. We also wish to inform the public to cease traveling via El Al Airlines, until it stops its nonsensical Gay Travel PR promotion program.

Finally, we inveigh against the hedonistic barbarians in the Knesset who wish to promote their barbaric hedonism by FORCED INDOCTRINATION of our helpless innocent children in the school system, by their new, homosexual conditioning curriculum, which they plan to introduce in the fall, which will include lectures to the students by perverts. We call upon the public and the morally responsible members of the Knesset to pass legislation, prohibiting the exposure of our children to these abominations.

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US General Norman Schwarzkopf's claims that 50 percent of Iraq's ground forces had been destroyed during the Gulf war were vastly exaggerated, according to a Congressional study released last year. (Reuters)

## '90s weaponry may fail in future battlefield

**T**HE Syrian-Israeli diplomatic track appears frozen. Nonetheless, the IDF will have to consider whether a new approach to Israel's defense can be built in the event of a withdrawal from the Golan Heights. The IDF must now prepare its ideas of the sort of weapons that will be requested from the US should negotiations progress.

At first, the results of the Gulf war supported the argument that the military technology of the '90s would make it easy to set up such a defense. But subsequent evidence has raised serious questions about the effectiveness of much of this technology.

Israel won the war in 1967 and 1973 by exploiting the maneuverability of its armored units. With their rapid mobility, they could concentrate their forces at points of Arab military vulnerability, outflank and even encircle larger armies. Static firepower alone could not be depended on, since the Arab states could respond with massive artillery forces that often outnumbered Israel's by as much as 10 to one.

Even before the Gulf war, Israeli military experts said that introducing new precision-guided munitions (PGMs) could revolutionize land warfare. These extremely accurate weapons would make it possible to destroy much of an attacking army before it arrived at the battlefield. Firepower would then become as important to Israel's defense as maneuver warfare.

How would the weapons work if an Israeli-Syrian conflict broke out after the Golan was returned?

Advocates of the PGM revolution might expect that a future Syrian attack would not have to be met by Israeli armor climbing up

**Much of the new technology Israel would need after a Syrian accord might not be as effective as first thought, Dore Gold writes**

to the Golan plateau. Syria's enormous tank forces could be destroyed largely by long-range artillery rockets fired from Galilee. These rockets would release bomblets east of the Golan, each capable of finding and destroying armored vehicles.

Meanwhile, attack helicopters, armed with "tank-killing" TOW or Hellfire missiles, could pick off attacking forces that survived. The Golan, in this scenario, would not be needed for classic armored battles; it would simply become a "killing zone" for Syrian tanks.

AT FIRST, the Gulf war appeared to confirm this model of defense. During the six-week air war, a combination of PGMs and older munitions seemed to have had an almost decisive effect on the battlefield.

Right after the war, General Norman Schwarzkopf told reporters that at least 50 percent of the Iraqi ground forces had been destroyed by air power and long-range artillery before the land war began.

Televised videos showing the accuracy of the new munitions strengthened the impression that air superiority and the new guided weapons were chiefly responsible for the victory against Iraq.

But last summer, a Congressional study claimed that Schwarzkopf had vastly exaggerated the

damage done by the air campaign. For example, air attacks were initially said to have destroyed 388 of the 846 tanks in several Republican Guard divisions. Subsequently, the CIA reevaluated the data and concluded that only 166 tanks had been eliminated.

In addition, a 1992 US Army War College study quoted an Iraqi tank battalion commander who told his American captors: "When the air operations started, I had 39 tanks; after 38 days of air battle, I had 32 tanks. After 20 minutes against the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, I had 0 tanks."

On April 18, 1994, Major General Larry Henry, acting deputy chief of staff of the US Air Force for Plans and Operations, testified before part of the Senate Armed Services Committee on the lessons of the Gulf war.

He explained one of the key limitations of PGMs that the war demonstrated: "Our Desert Storm precision capability was mainly under-the-weather, laser-guided weapons."

He added that only at the turn of the century would there be a new generation of PGMs, capable of finding targets with satellite data, and not constrained by thick cloud-cover as was the case with laser-guided and electro-optical weapons.

IN THE US, the debate over the

combined effectiveness of air power and ultra-accurate munitions chiefly affects decisions on how to divide the shrinking defense budget: If air power is more decisive, then maybe the US Army should cut its armored units, and the US Air Force's tactical aviation should be protected.

In Israel's case, the lessons of the Gulf war could have a profound impact on the IDF's recommendations for the Golan Heights. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has already admitted that he is willing to risk a deeper withdrawal than the IDF has recommended.

If a revolution in warfare were to occur, some might say that the concern with territory was outdated, since the classical concerns of land warfare matter less.

But there are serious reasons to believe that this revolution has not yet transpired. And with the pace of military modernization slowed by the end of the Cold War, such changes may be far in the future if they occur at all.

Thus, it is too early to say that armored ground warfare has joined the cavalry charge as an instrument of victory from the past.

Many military errors of the past have stemmed from the excessive conservatism of military thinkers. An Israel that relies on the promise of technology that has not yet proved itself could make the opposite error - anticipating trends in warfare that in reality are not fully applicable to the Middle East battlefield of the future.



# Summer travel bargain hunters may hit jackpot

The country's notoriously late vacation planners may be lucky this summer: Travel agents expect further discounts on flights, Haim Shapiro writes

THE British traditionally start making their summer vacation plans the day after Christmas. Israelis are known for making last-minute travel arrangements.

According to El Al spokesman Nachman Kleiman, many are still waiting to see what bargains there will be, and this season they are right to do so.

"It's hard to say, but we are expecting low prices to the US, even though nothing has been published yet," Kleiman says.

His remarks are echoed by Jerusalem travel agent Mark Feldman. "There is still no clear trend for the summer," says Feldman, who adds that he is not worried there might be a slump in summer travel because so many people have already gone abroad during Pessah and Shavuot.

In fact, the Airports Authority says 18,906 passengers left the country by air the Thursday before Shavuot, the largest number ever.

During that long weekend, there were 49 flights to and from Turkey, most of them to Antalya, the resort town on the southern coast that is at the center of a 100-kilometer stretch of beach-front hotels.

Antalya has become a mecca for Israeli vacationers, not only because of the low-priced vacation packages, but also because of the casinos in the area.

Feldman expects the traffic to Antalya to continue, although those who want to see fewer fellow Israelis on their vacation will still be able to find budget-priced vacation packages to such destinations as Malta, the Greek Islands, Spain and Portugal.

Feldman says the prices will stay down because of increased competition among the wholesalers, the companies that sell travel packages to the travel agents, and the government's new open-skies policies.

RIMON TOURS director Raymond Kirschner says that according to the statistics, about one million Israelis will go abroad in 1994. But he says the statistics are misleading. In reality, a few hundred

thousand travel abroad over and over again.

"Many of them went for the weekend to Turkey or Cyprus, rather than going to Eilat," Kirschner says. "It won't affect their trips to Portugal or Scandinavia this summer."

Kirschner is convinced that many Israelis still want to go to the classic destinations.

The 21-day tour of Western Europe remains popular, and his company is betting that people want this type of tour, only more so.

Thus, the coast-to-coast US tour now includes an optional visit to Hawaii. The newer popular destinations include Morocco and Eastern Europe, but not Russia. In Turkey, he says, there is a move away from Antalya to Marmaris.

Feldman says he finds that most of those buying the classic guided tours are either families traveling together or people over 50, who do not want the hassle of getting around by themselves.

Feldman admits that the tours offered by the various wholesalers are almost identical, something which is understandable given the fact that most people who travel want to see the same things.

THAT MEANS it has become more difficult for the public to choose between travel packages and tours offered by different companies.

Competition this year appears to be fiercer than ever and several companies have already cut the prices of their summer packages, sometimes more than once.

Despite this, Kirschner says there is still room for the top-of-the-market tour, at full price.

"If a couple are going to spend \$5,000-\$6,000 on a tour, a few hundred dollars isn't going to matter to them," he says, adding that there are those who will deliberately avoid the lowest priced tour because they want to travel with a better class of people.

Feldman says he tells his clients to do their homework when they choose between tours and read the printed itineraries carefully.



Buyers of cheap tourist packages to places like London shouldn't expect five-star accommodations. (Joac Harnet)

Words like "we suggest" or "one can" indicate that an activity is an option and will cost extra. A reputable company will also indicate exactly what meals are included in the basic cost, he adds.

The cheapest tours, he says, often cover only the cost of the flight, hotel and an Israeli escort, with at most a half-day guided tour.

For those who want to ramble around on their own and explore a

city such as Istanbul, such a tour might be ideal, but for someone expecting to be shown around, it could be a disappointment.

Feldman also says the larger companies can strike better bargains and are thus more likely to pass the savings on to the consumer. He also says you are likely to save money by buying your travel arrangements here rather than trying to find bargains abroad.

"If you know about the perfect bed-and-breakfast in London, or beautiful paradises in Spain or a wonderful country inn outside of Paris, then you'll save money by booking it directly," he says, explaining that local travel agents do not have the facilities to book anything less than three-star hotels.

## Unconventional tours for \$100 or \$1,000 a day

ALTHOUGH many Israelis will be going on "classic" tours to conventional destinations, a significant minority will be traveling with Geographical Tours, a company which specializes in going where the others don't.

This year, the company has a new tour to Greenland and Iceland in which part of the travel is by helicopter. That tour is also its most expensive excursion, which at \$17,975 for 18 days costs almost \$1,000 a day.

At the other end of the price scale is a 32-day budget tour from Beijing to Bangkok for \$3,400, or just a little over \$100 a day.

Other new destinations are Tunisia, Lapland, Uganda and Zaire. Geographical's marketing director Arik Braz says his company gets between 15 and 20 percent of the tour market.

Among the tours it sells are some which change every year. This year, there is a cross-Africa tour, from South Africa to Kenya, a tour of Bhutan and New Guinea and a trek along the silk route, from former Soviet Asia to Western China.

## Cheap trips: You get what you pay for

I recently went to London for a short visit after arranging a "special offer" flight with British Airways, which included four nights in a hotel.

I worked all day before catching my 6 p.m. flight, which landed at Gatwick at 9:30 p.m. (UK time). By the time I arrived at the Tavistock Hotel in Bloomsbury, it was almost midnight.

The hotel clerk glanced at my coupon from the travel agent and announced laconically, "we're full up. I'll transfer you to another hotel."

I tried my voice and banging on the table. "I'm booked into the Tavistock," I cried. "Why should I go to another hotel?"

The clerk, in that soothing tone that reduces the calmest of people to hysteria, explained he didn't know what happened because he just started his shift, and he was "doing the best he can, sir."

Unfortunately, about 10 other people were ahead of me in line with the same problem and by the time he got to me it was nearly 2:30 a.m. I took a cab (paid by the Tavistock) to my new hotel, the Royal National.

This deal was offered by the Savoyon branch of Canaan Tours. It included a \$418 round-trip BA flight, provided I stayed at the Tavistock for \$42 a night.

Canaan described the Tavistock as "tourist class with washroom and television in each room, and a continental breakfast in the coffee shop." The place where I ended up had rooms that were shabby, even dirty; the lobby was run-down and filled with drunks and the breakfast consisted of stale rolls and lukewarm coffee.

I know from previous visits that these huge "tourist class" hotels in the Bloomsbury and Hyde Park areas are far below the standard of a cheap US motel.

I also know that even in central London you can get a charming bed-and-breakfast establishment (with a delicious, full English breakfast) for less than \$42.

Like many others, I chose the package deal simply because I did not want to spend my first night walking the streets of London looking for a bed.

But in the frustrating hours I spent being shuttled from the Tavistock to the Royal National, I could have organized myself a cheaper, cleaner, quieter accommodation.

My travel agent, Miki Miris of Canaan Tours, admits that my experience is not unique. It even happened to her. She concedes the big, cheaper hotels often overbook, but "as long as they fix you up the same night with an equivalent-priced establishment, you cannot complain."

Dafna Trivaks, who represents the British Tourist Board in Israel (although she emphasized she is not their official spokesperson) agreed that "these things occur when you try to get a bargain."

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# In battle for Jerusalem, tolerance boosts control

## CAPITAL TALK

TEDDY KOLLEK  
with Amos Kollek

JERUSALEM is making the headlines every day. Arafat mentions it in his speeches and promises a jihad. Some of our right-wing politicians, including Jerusalem's mayor, make strong statements about the unity of the city. And professors try to come up with compromise solutions.

The status of Jerusalem is clearly the key issue that has to be settled if lasting peace is to be achieved between the Arabs and ourselves.

During these crucial days I frequently hear city officials stress how little my administration did for the Arabs, and how they plan to do much more. Although I doubt their sincerity, I can only wish them luck. But I would like to put the facts straight as I see them.

During my 28 years as mayor I was often attacked for doing too much for the Arabs. This angered me because I felt we were doing

too little; but a mayor's power is limited by the government, by the city council and by the financial means at his disposal.

From the moment Jerusalem was united in 1967, I believed that we had to find a way to live with the Arabs that would accommodate both them and us, because there was no chance — as some people apparently hoped — of driving the Arabs out of Jerusalem.

Any attempt to do so can only lead to destruction and redivision, because the Arabs will never leave a city they consider holy.

The only way of keeping Jerusalem a united city under our sovereignty is to treat minorities as we would like Jews to be treated everywhere else in the world. You can't fight antisemitism when you yourself treat others as second-class citizens in your home.

AND SO, with this understanding of the city, we set out to close the gap between the Arabs and ourselves.

It is nearly impossible to grasp the scope of that task; so much was done, and human memory is short.

In 1967 the Arabs in Jerusalem did not have the most basic services. Their part of the city was terribly neglected, and raising standards to a normal level there was much harder and more costly than starting from scratch, as we did in the new Jewish neighborhoods.

To begin with, the walls of the Old City, first built by Herod and then by Suleiman the Magnificent, had been neglected for centuries and were crumbling.

Some of the gates had been entirely destroyed. A tremendous effort was required to reconstruct them into the glorious, imposing spectacle they are today.

We rebuilt the roads in the Old City and strengthened the buildings, many of which were 200 or 300 years old and in a state of collapse.

Only 10 percent of the homes in the Old City had running water. We installed running water not only within the walls, but also in other Arab parts of the city.

We placed water and sewage pipes, power cables and telephone wires underground, which made the lives of the Arab inhabitants

easier and improved the look of the city.

We replaced the thousands of TV antennae with a central antenna. We built a first-class library as well as a magnificent medical center in Sheikh Jarrah which provides, under one roof, every service needed, and has been praised as the best clinic in the country.

All this was done without any Arab financial help: the funds came from the municipality and money raised through the Jerusalem Foundation, whose contributors are Jewish (mostly) and Christian.

And often there was not only lack of support but also strong opposition, both in the government and the city council.

WE DID a lot more than this. We gave the Arabs rights they did not have under Jordanian rule.

The last Arab newspaper to be produced in the city had been closed down by the Hashemites a few months before the Six Day War.

We let them publish their newspapers without political censorship. And though their publica-

tions have frequently expressed the opinion that Israel has no right to exist, no paper has yet been closed down.

Every Arab resident has been given the choice, unheard of in similar situations elsewhere in the world (Alsace-Lorraine, for example), of either becoming an Israeli citizen or remaining Jordanian.

And with their Arab passports and Israeli identity cards, they have the added advantage of being able to travel to Arab countries (which we can't do), and then returning to Israel, where they enjoy — among other things — insurance benefits and old-age pensions like all Israelis.

Moreover, this is not affected by the fact that we know their children or close relatives are active in blatantly anti-Israeli organizations such as Hamas.

Nor did we change anything in their school curricula. The only exception that I recall was an exercise in an arithmetic book: "When you have 10 Jews and kill 6, how many remain?" We altered that sentence.

But we kept the same teachers

they had before the 1967 war, and the same headmasters. We enlarged their schools. We never interfered with their prayers or with their jurisdiction over their holy places, most importantly the Dome of the Rock.

We behaved this way despite the fact that we found 58 synagogues in the Jewish Quarter which had been destroyed or desecrated during the period of Jordanian rule.

TAKING into account the things mentioned above and many others I will not list here, we have probably spent no less money on the Arab part of the city than we have on the Jewish section.

That still doesn't change the fact that some Arab neighborhoods remain underdeveloped and lack many services. We have tried, and should try harder.

But they should also do their part. Every Arab, whether an Israeli or a Jordanian citizen, has the right to vote for the city council. I am only sorry that so far they have not dared to run for a place on the council, which I have urged them to do in every election. That

way they would have more influence on their own affairs and would have proper representation, as every other group has in the city. I am hopeful that this will happen soon.

I am also advocating that the basic rights which the Arabs have been enjoying *de facto* since 1967 will be officially embodied in laws passed by the Knesset. I think this will do a great deal for their sense of security and for a better atmosphere among all citizens of the city.

IN THE past few days there have been some particularly strong declarations made about Jerusalem, and undoubtedly there are more to come.

With all the turmoil and the historical developments now taking place, we must not lose sight of the fact that our objective is to hold on to and strengthen a united Jerusalem under our rule. In order to accomplish this I believe we must continue with the policy we have followed in the city over the past 27 years. Certainly the idea of two capitals in one "united" city is ridiculous.

## Two grandmothers, two grandfathers

### VIEW FROM NOV

MOSHE KOHN

THE Third Destruction... the same as the First Destruction [of the Temple in Jerusalem in 586 BCE] and the Second Destruction [of the Second Temple in 70 CE].

That is how Rabbi Shabbetai Sheftel Horowitz of Frankfurt and Posen (Poznan) characterized the May-November 1648 rampage of Cossacks and other Ukrainians led by Bogdan Chmielnicki in which 100,000 Jews were massacred and 300 Jewish communities destroyed. The first large-scale massacre of Jews in the seven-month bloodbath took place at the city of Nemirov. (Chmielnicki's bands also massacred Catholics.)

In 1650, the rabbis constituting the Council of the Four Lands declared the Jewish calendar date Sivan 20, the anniversary of the Nemirov massacre, as an annual day of mourning, fasting and recitation of penitential prayers.

(Sivan 20 is also the anniversary of the beginning of the blood libel in which 31 Jewish men, women and children were murdered in Blois, France in 1171, and Sivan is the month in which Jewish communities in the Rhineland were obliterated by the advancing Crusaders in 1096.)

If Chmielnicki's massacre of 100,000 Jews was "the Third Destruction," what word remains to characterize the massacre of 6,000 Jews by the Germans and their numerous collaborators throughout Europe during World War II? What can one call the massacre of "only" 565,000 Hungarian Jews in 1944-45 by the Germans and their Hungarian collaborators?

In any event, in 1946 the Budapest-based "Central Bureau of the Congregations of the Pious/In the Name of the Rabbis of Hungary" proclaimed Sivan 20 as Hungarian Jewry's special day of mourning for its Holocaust martyrs. The Bureau based itself on the proclamation of the Council of the Four Lands 296 years earlier.

IN APRIL 1941 Hungarian Jewry numbered 825,000. These included Jews in Magyar-speaking regions of Czechoslovakia, Romania and Yugoslavia that Germany had permitted Hungary to annex, and more than 58,000 persons not of the Jewish faith but defined as Jews under that year's amendment to the Nuremberg Laws known as "the Third Jewish Law."

By early 1944, several thousand

Hungarian Jews had been wantonly murdered by SS men helped by Hungarian troops, and several scores of thousands had perished as members of forced-labor battalions sent to the eastern front after Hungary joined the war against the Soviet Union. Otherwise, by agreement with Hungary's regent, Nicholas Horthy, prime minister Miklós Kállay, a moderate conservative who succeeded the antisemitic László Bárdossy, resisted German pressure to take drastic measures towards a "final solution" of Hungary's "Jewish problem."

Finally, on March 19, 1944, tired of Kállay and Horthy's equivocation, which the Germans saw as evidence of Hungary's intention to join the Allies, they occupied Hungary in what they called "Operation Margarete." This was exactly one week after Adolf Eichmann and his team had begun preparations at Mauthausen, Austria, for setting up a Sonderinsatzkommando (special task force) to direct the liquidation of Hungarian Jewry.

On March 22 a pro-German government headed by Döme Sztójay was set up, and on March 31 the country's Jews were ordered to wear the yellow badge. By the time the Red Army conquered Hungary from the Germans in January 1945, only 260,000 Jews survived.

(The above data are from the *Encyclopedia Judaica*.)

On the whole, as was true nearly everywhere in German-occupied Europe, Hungarian public opinion did not condemn the ghettoization and deportation of the country's Jews. But, as in other countries, there were exceptional instances of help or overt expressions of sympathy. One of these was the Catholic bishop Aron Márton, whom the Hungarian authorities expelled from the Transylvanian city Kolozsvár (also known as Cluj or Klausenberg) in May 1944 for preaching in defense of the Jews. And Yashen had recognized some two dozen Hungarian Christians as "Righteous Gentiles."

MANY Hungarian-speaking survivors came to Eretz Yisrael after the liberation — usually after undergoing the further trials of Brit-

ish internment camps. Several scores of them, who had been members of the Bnei Akiva Religious Zionist youth movement in Hungary, founded the Nir Galim *moshav shifui* near Ashdod.

Last night at Nir Galim, a memorial assembly took place in which those survivors, joined by their children, grandchildren and even a few great-grandchildren, and many friends, marked the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian Holocaust. (Sivan 20 falls this coming Monday.)

The assembly was also the occasion for the presentation to the public of the English and Hungarian translations of a remarkable book originally published in Hebrew. *Eda! Hayim*, edited by Moshe Davis and Meir Hovav, is published by Gefen, Jerusalem. The English edition is called *The Living Testify*.

The book consists of brief excerpts from longer accounts of their Holocaust experiences that 46 of those survivors had recorded in an oral-history project. The project was initiated by Prof. Moshe Davis of Jerusalem, founder of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University. Together with his wife, Lottie, Davis is an honorary member of Nir Galim, where they live part of the year.

The book's poignancy is perhaps best summed up in Davis's account in his preface about an incident that inspired him to initiate the project.

One Shabbat in 1954 in the Nir Galim synagogue, during a pause in the service, the man sitting next to him, Davis recalls, "exclaimed... in a whispered cry, 'How can I explain to the children that I and my wife aren't Adam and Eve?' The man was referring, of course, to a common phenomenon in survivors' families: no grandparents."

One recent Shabbat, that same man, one of the 46 whose testimonies are in the book, walked home from synagogue together with Davis. "He was excited and walked with a spring in his gait, joy reflected in his eyes.... He grasped my arm. 'I never dreamed this would happen,' he almost shouted. 'Imagine! My grandson impetuously grasped my foot the other day and blurted out of the blue: 'I have two grandpas, two grandmas.' Our son, born during our internment in Cyprus in 1948, thought we were Adam and Eve."

## SRULIK



## White Jews, black Jews, new Jews

"And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman." (Numbers 12:1)

### SHABBAT SHALOM

SHLOMO RISKIN

WHAT if one of the leading rabbis of our generation divorced his wife and married an Ethiopian immigrant? Would there be an angry uproar, endless gossip in religious circles?

If we want to imagine the reaction, all we have to do is turn to the end of this week's portion of *Beha'alotcha*, where we read of the gossip concerning the marriage of Moses to a Cushite woman, and the punishment of leprosy meted out to Miriam because of her role in the slander.

The commentators discuss the identity of the woman Moses married. Rashi identifies her as Zipporah, the wife with whom he had stopped living the moment he became a prophet. From this perspective, Miriam and Aaron did not yet understand that the Torah wishes mankind's spiritual leaders to be part of the world — and to sanctify it. Moses finally does understand this, and returns to normal married life.

Others, like Ibn Caspi, claim that Moses actually took a second wife, a Cushite — Cush being the biblical name of Ethiopia. Miriam and Aaron portray Moses as an ordinary husband who divorces or abandons his first wife in search of someone more exotic. "Is it to Moses exclusively that God speaks? Doesn't He also speak to us?" (Numbers 12:2)

Upon hearing their words, God rebukes them, explaining the enormous difference between the immediacy of the prophecy of Moses and that of the other prophets, who receive their messages in visions or dreams. In the end, the leprosy dispensed to Miriam is limited to seven days because of Moses' intervention: "Please God, heal her now." (Numbers 12:13)

The fundamental moral message of this account is the evil of slander. However, there is a sub-topic of extreme contemporary interest: Moses is condemned by his sister and brother (according to Ibn Caspi) for taking an Ethiopian — black — wife!

I have already performed a number of mar-

riages between "white" Israelis and "black" Ethiopian Israelis. What is the Torah view of such marriages?

I cannot emphasize too strongly that Judaism is color-blind. After Jacob receives the new name of Israel for wrestling with the angel, God blesses Jacob. "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a congregation of nations will come into existence from you." (Gen. 35:11)

Perhaps it took more than 2,000 years of Jewish wandering for this verse to be seen in its simplest meaning. Arriving in Israel after our long exile, we Jews are not only a nation, but a congregation of nations. There is no color line; there is a color continuum, starting perhaps with fair-skinned, often blond Scandinavian Jews, moving on to the slightly darker Russians, Eastern Europeans, North Africans, Yemenites, Indians, and finally the black Ethiopian Jews.

Jews have a natural rainbow in their very own garden, but it's something we didn't always understand when we were growing up in the sheltered living rooms of Newark or New Castle or New Haven. We are a lot more diversified, exotic and strange than we might imagine.

The exodus of thousands of black Ethiopians, many robed in white, clutching canes like prophets, the white-turbaned priests carrying their Bibles in the Ge'ez language, the women with heads covered and long robes, strange tattoos on their faces or arms, should easily convince the most resistant that there is more to this people, nation, religion, than meets the eye.

Moreover, Operation Solomon was the first time in history that people from Africa were transported to another country, not to make them slaves but to make them free! So much for "Zionism is racism."

The only issue which must interest us, are the Jews of Ethiopia halachically Jewish?

More than 1,100 years ago, Eldad Hadani reported on the existence of Jews in the land of Cush. According to his account, these Ethiopians were from the tribe of Dan, famed as warriors.

When the 10 tribes of Samaria rebelled against Rehoboam, son of King Solomon, in an attempt to crown Jeroboam as king, they wanted Dan to fight with them, but the idea of fighting against the grandson of King David was anathema. Many of the tribe solved their dilemma by escaping, and that's how Dan ended up in Ethiopia.

Rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Hakohen Kook (in his *Igrot Hareiva*, Part 2, Siman 432), and former chief rabbi Ovadia Yosef have both ruled that the Ethiopians must be seen as Jews.

At times it may seem that the Ethiopians are the weakest link in our congregation of nations, since their language and customs are not quite like ours; they were, after all, separated from the Jewish mainstream for thousands of years. This makes their acculturation to Israel more difficult.

However, they are really our strongest link; their very appearance should fill all of Jewry with an awe-inspiring humility.

What does it mean that a tribe from the days of Solomon has managed to survive in a hostile environment? Their strength of character — maintaining laws of Sabbath and family purity despite persecution and alienation — is an example for all who are ready to abandon the basic tenets of Judaism at the first invitation to a Sabbath barbecue.

Is it not a beautiful irony that this part of Jewry — weak, poor, black — is the one that may strengthen us the most, particularly in those parts of the world where Jews see themselves as too bourgeois?

What the Ethiopians can tell us about God and Israel and Jerusalem, about the Logathering of the Exiles, the return of the Ten Lost Tribes, the miracle of Jewish survival and what it means to be a Jew, ought to turn our hearts to our own faith, and to the Divine guarantee of Redemption.

Indeed, we are a nation and a congregation of nations!

Shabbat Shalom

## How the BBC used me in a propaganda show attacking Israelis

### EYE ON THE MEDIA

GUEST COLUMNIST JAMES SCHUTZ

INADVERTENTLY, I was a participant in the BBC-TV production *The Forgotten Faithful*, reviewed in "Eye on the Media" (May 6).

The program's main targets are the Israelis. They are portrayed as occupiers who maim and kill innocent Palestinian Christians in cold blood, and as callous exploiters who — by imposing curfews and excessive taxation and monopolizing the lucrative Christian tourist trade — make it impossible for Christians to support themselves.

But the program had a secondary target: the Israel-supporting "American fundamentalists" epitomized by the "self-described" International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem (ICEJ). These "fundamentalists" provide a powerful contrast to their much more "historically genuine" counterparts, the Palestinian Christians.

In early March, BBC director/producer Judy Jackson telephoned the ICEJ with a request for an interview for a program about "Christians in the Holy Land." She averred the program would be about the variety of Christians here. Since both the ICEJ director and its spokesman — who is married to an Arab Christian — were not in Israel, the request was referred to me as coor-

dinator of the embassy's department for Soviet Jewry.

Why us? I asked. Jackson said she understood the embassy was one of the few growing, dynamic Christian elements in the land.

I had been warned by an elderly British member of our staff about the BBC's reputation on Israel. But, taken in by Jackson's positive attitude, I went along with the interview. I tried to present a broad, balanced picture of our work, in the light of what the Bible says about the scattering and regathering of the Jewish people.

As I spoke about how many Ukrainian Jews we had helped get to Israel through a busing project, Jackson responded with words like, "That's amazing." And in the end, after I summed up our goal — to continue reaching out to Jews as well as non-Jews — her final words were, "That was wonderful."

Sandwiched in the middle of the interview was a short line of questions about Palestinian Christians — but not at all about their being driven out, or their suffering under Israeli occupation. These subjects never came up before, during or after the interview. The questions focused on Palestinian Christians who "seem to side totally with the Moslem cause,"

while "out rioting in the street."

We consider Islamic influence on Palestinian Christians a serious spiritual problem. Many identify themselves as Palestinian before Christian and, as one Christian said in the film, they are virtually indistinguishable from their Moslem neighbors.

Some Palestinian Christians are committed believers in the biblical sense, but a large portion are nominal Christians. I said. Their attitudes are influenced less by the Bible than by Islam, which in its fundamentalist form is antisemitic and cannot accept Jewish sovereignty over any of the land. I added that we felt deeply for the problems and difficulties of both Jews and Palestinians. A significant portion of our social assistance in Israel and the territories goes to Arabs — Christians and Moslems.

After all this, I was shocked to see how *The Forgotten Faithful* depicted us. I had explained to Jackson our international character, representing no mainline denominations, but many thousands of Christians from more than 70 nations. I told her that the term:

"fundamentalist" was inaccurate and misleading even in evangelical, Christian circles. But there we were, "American fundamentalists... hostile to the Palestinian Christians... and opposed to their very presence." Our assistance in the aliyah of Jews from the former USSR was no longer "amazing"; it was a direct attempt to help "force out" the Palestinian Christians.

In some mysterious way, my interview was used to support all those nasty allegations, assertively put forth by narrator and scriptwriter Barry Glass (who once suggested that a bomb discovered in the hand luggage of an Israeli-bound English girlfriend of a PLO operative at Heathrow had been planted by the Mossad).

How was this done? First, the program used a seemingly credible witness, an articulate Palestinian Christian woman who said her extended family had dwindled from 500 to 30 due to emigration. When asked about "foreign fundamentalists such as the Christian Embassy," she said:

"These people are an embarrass-

ment. They are playing a political role — not here to help Christians or support anything Christian or Christian-related.... They are the real fanatics, the real fundamentalists, who are bringing Russian immigrants to the country in these very sensitive times."

Next was a sophisticated array of artistic filming and editing devices, common to many television documentaries. Whenever Palestinians are interviewed, Glass is present. His questions are on screen, and the setting is natural: He talks to a family around a dinner table, or drinks coffee while looking at photographs of relatives "forced to emigrate."

But when I am shown, I am alone on screen. Not only are no questions heard; even the camera angle is bizarre, looking up to my face while my eyes (directed toward the unseen Jackson) look askance. As I watched the program, I thought an actor could not have done a better job at portraying aloof superiority, speaking down to people the way self-righteous fundamentalists often do.

But the most creative manipula-

tion — and the most painful to me — had to do with the way my comments were sliced, cut, split and taken out of a very different context, to give an impression of confirming the lie that we want the Palestinian Christians to leave.

In the context of stories about human suffering and abuse, of the tragic demise of what is presented as the most authentic, ancient Christian culture in the world, I am presented as if responding to that statement: that the faith of many of these Christians is not "scripturally based." This was said in response to the question about Palestinian Christian identification with "the Moslem cause." It was as if I was saying, "What does it matter that these people are being murdered and oppressed by Israel? They don't believe the Bible the way we do anyway."

Part of the anti-Israel propaganda strategy has been to discredit Christians who support the restoration of Israel on biblical grounds and who have been working against the centuries of antisemitism perpetrated in the name of Christianity. This Christian support is falsely depicted as politically based, fanatic, inherently anti-Palestinian, and unequivocally supportive of everything Israel

does. *The Forgotten Faithful* serves this agenda well by also making us opposed to "the very presence" of Christian Arabs in the Holy Land.

Glass and Jackson created an effective show. For a moment, even I became angry with that American fundamentalist from the Christian Embassy. But for all the sympathy it may initially create for the Palestinian Christians, it will probably do them more harm than good, because it perpetuates myths and one-sided distortions that fuel frictions while obscuring truth.

Immediately after seeing the program while on a visit to the UK, I threatened the BBC with a libel suit. I withdrew permission to use my interview and the embassy video footage which the BBC had purchased, since they were fraudulently obtained.

The entire segment was omitted in the World Service telecast seen in Israel three days later.

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# The rise and fall of the King of the Road

Where have all the Subarus gone? Joel Gordin describes how image problems undermined a shrewd and successful sales campaign

AT Eilat port rows of brand-new Subarus are lined up like soldiers, gathering dust pending the purchase orders that will charge their batteries and jerk them into life.

In Tel Aviv, JapanAuto, local Subaru dealer, is also markedly inactive. Once, the company's central showroom at 30 Rehov Hamasger was as crammed as the Central Bus Station on a Sunday morning. Legend has it that customers had to take numbers to get service. Now, there are more salespeople than buyers.

How the mighty have fallen. For almost a decade until mid-1992, Subaru was the king of the local roads. There were months when one of every three new automobiles sold here was a Subaru. Jokes abound about the foreign tourists who thought that "Subaru" was Hebrew for automobile. During the first three months of this year, according to figures supplied by the Automobile Importers' Association, JapanAuto sold 3,380 Subaru vehicles, just percent of the country's total sales in that period. JapanAuto is now seventh in the sales ratings after Colmotor (Mitsubishi), Mediterranean (Fiat, Lancia, Alfa Romeo), Universal (Saab, GMC, Isuzu), Champion (Volkswagen, Audi, Seat), Lubinski (Peugeot, Citroen) and Carasso (Renault, Nissan).

The story of how so many buyers were found for a relatively minor-league Japanese automobile will be told and retold long after the last Subaru Leone has rusted away.

The Nipponese giants, Toyota and Nissan, have never achieved that degree of market penetration in a foreign country. The JapanAuto story may well be taught in economics courses under the heading: "The importance of being in the right place with the right product at the right time."

The saga started 30 years ago in Haifa, where Moshe Baranovsky owned a successful agency selling Rabbit mopeds made in Japan by the Fuji Heavy Industries conglomerate. In 1969, Fuji offered Baranovsky the opportunity to market Subaru automobiles and light delivery vehicles. It's customary to say that Fuji "broke the Japanese trade boycott," but there never was an official governmental boycott, although Arab states put pressure on individual companies.

Unkind critics have suggested

that Fuji defied the pressure because they could not offload the vehicles in other countries.

Baranovsky approached two Haifa used-car salesmen, Danny Berkovich and Yosef Moscovitz, to put up the capital to form JapanAuto in 1969.

For the next decade the three entrepreneurs polished their cars in the showrooms and counted their losses. It is estimated they did not sell more than 1,000 Subarus during this period.

Few Israelis in those days bought cars for private use. Successive socialist governments had deemed cars a luxury, and purchase tax of more than 200% had put vehicles beyond the reach of even middle-class citizens.

Those who could afford a car were not going to gamble on a Japanese product that was the butt of jokes. (Example: how do you double a Subaru's value? Fill the tank with gasoline.)

JapanAuto's breakthrough came in the early 1980s when then finance minister Yoram Aridor reduced the crippling import tax.

Suddenly lower-middle-class Israelis were on the market for a car, and every lira was important to them. Berkovich offered the Subarus at prices averaging 10 percent less than other cars with the same engine size. Aridor linked taxes on cars to engine size - the smaller the engine, the greater the tax benefit.

Fuji was able to supply Berkovich with a 1,300cc model built in three boxes (separate engine, passenger, and trunk compartments). "It gave the buyers the feel of a full-size family car that was inexpensive... relatively trouble-free and cheap to operate. Subaru and the local buyer were a match made in heaven," says Izzy Rozow, col-

umnist in *Auto* magazine.

When supplies of the vehicle dried up, Berkovich persuaded Fuji to continue the line especially for Israel. That car and its later 1600cc version, called the Leone, became the country's best-selling vehicles during the next decade.

The increasing popularity led to high resale prices, which in turn led to even greater popularity. "In those days of rocketing prices," recalls veteran *Yediot Aharonot* journalist Bennie Barak, "the only sure investments were dollars, property and a Subaru."

Berkovich added to the Subaru fleet non-luxurious 1,300cc and 1,600cc small delivery vans which appealed to kibbutzniks, factories and small independent traders.

Israelis, according to former *Auto* magazine editor Ronnie Aronovich, have a "herd mentality" when it comes to buying cars, and the more Subarus people saw on the road the more they bought.

In 1982 Subaru took over the No. 1 position from Fiat. By 1984 JapanAuto was bringing in some 2,250 new vehicles a month. By 1986 Subaru had 26% of the market and had overtaken the veteran brands.

Israel soon accounted for almost 10 percent of Subaru's world sales, and Berkovich was able to get special deals from the mother company to keep prices low. JapanAuto and its Subarus played a crucial role in Aridor's scheme to "put a car in every Israeli's garage." New-car sales soared from about 30,000 in the middle '80s to more than 60,000 in 1989 and 1991, and to well over 100,000 in 1992 and last year.

IT WAS Subaru's success that brought the other, bigger Japanese car-makers to Israel. Unlike

most European countries, Israel has no quotas against Japanese competition, and as yet there is no demand for reciprocal trade agreements.

Arab threats or not, the other Japanese companies could not stand idly by as Subaru single-handedly captured the market here. Daihatsu and Suzuki took the first tentative steps during the early '80s. In 1989 Mitsubishi arrived and Israelis learned that a Japanese automobile could also supply luxury, style and finish at popular prices.

After Mitsubishi came Honda, and suddenly Israelis were not only happy about the price of Japanese cars, but raving about extra horsepower, aerodynamic exteriors and acceleration capabilities. Toyota, Mazda and Nissan followed, and eight Japanese companies had to coexist on the small Israeli battlefield, together with the leading European and US makes.

COME 1992, and Subaru was barely holding onto its sales lead, with Mitsubishi close to its tail.

To make matters worse for JapanAuto, Subaru had an image problem here: a new word had entered the Hebrew language - "Subarist," a derogatory term for an ignorant driver.

JapanAuto tried to counter this negative image by importing the upmarket Legacy, and even the SVX sports car.

Ironically, the "plain folks" image has also helped JapanAuto. Company cars are a common salary perk, and the Subaru Leone, with its "no frills" image, was a natural choice for the lower ranks.

But Subaru was also plagued by a whisper campaign against its ability to withstand accidents.

"The tin plating is not thick enough," said the rumors. "It was a blood libel," states sales manager Giora Lesk. "There has never been any scientific proof to show that a Leone would suffer more damage than any other vehicle in the same price range."

Comments *Auto* magazine's Rozow: "The strength of the tin has nothing to do with a car's passive safety [ability to protect the occupants in an accident]. However, there were problems with the rigidity of the Leone's bodywork."

The television consumer program *Kolbosh* exposed alleged defects in the Legacy's automatic gear which encouraged a group to start a movement known as "Victims of Subaru." To JapanAuto's credit, as soon as the complaints began they brought out engineers from Japan to rectify the defect, and the few who had faulty Legacies were compensated in full. "The problem was blown out of all proportion," says Lesk.

THE LEONE, aging king of the country's roads, last year came to the end of its reign. It had to be replaced by a true '90s model which offered greater safety standards, a more aerodynamic look, and fuel injection. Fuji offered JapanAuto the four-door, five-seater model sold elsewhere as the Impreza.

In what seemed to be a slick marketing move, JapanAuto called it the "Grand Leone," hoping locals would simply regard it as the natural follow-up to the model so many had known and trusted.

However, Subaru's future here was decided thousands of kilometers away on the Tokyo and New York currency markets. Even super-salesman Berkovich could not

control the yen which soared in value against both the dollar and shekel during the past two years. Subaru, which had captured the motoring market through selling price, lost its hold on the market because it no longer had price to sell.

Even the Subaru truck was badly hit, falling from the luxury, double-cabin vehicles offered by Mitsubishi, Toyota and Isuzu and the rock-bottom priced Czech Skoda pickup.

Dealers of Japanese cars were caught flatfooted and their share of the market plunged from a massive 60% to less than 40%.

The one exception was Mitsubishi. The local dealer, Colmotor, whether by good luck or good management, buys its vehicles in German marks, a currency which devalued less than the dollar against the yen.

Colmotor's CEO, Dr. Shmuel Harlap, could accordingly mark down the price of the Superlander, the Grand Leone's main rival. A sharp swing to Mitsubishi followed (see table).

The import figures show that from August to December last year JapanAuto ordered only 2,208 Grand Leones, compared to the more than 8,000 they imported

in the preceding six months. From August to December, Colmotor imported 9,342 Mitsubishi Superlanders.

WHITHER JapanAuto and Subaru?

Lesk has no doubts that its direction will be upward after the "temporary setback involving the rate of the yen. You can't fool all the people all the time," he says. "and we never did. Everyone from cab drivers to kibbutzniks to fleet managers bought Subarus because they were the best value and they still are."

Rozow agrees with Lesk. "The Japanese can't continue indefinitely subsidizing Colmotor. They must raise their prices to compensate for the devaluation of the German mark against the yen. Even if they raise prices by only 15%, the Grand Leone will be cheaper than the Superlander."

"JapanAuto may have made a mistake by calling the Impreza the Grand Leone, but in time Israelis will discover it's a cut above the old Leone in safety standards, appearance and performance, and its running costs are a third less than any other comparable car."

Rozow believes that JapanAuto will rise again. But there's a problem: "Colmotor has obtained the local dealership for the Korean-made Hyundai which may turn out to be the ace up Dr. Harlap's sleeve."

JapanAuto is certainly pulling out all the stops to regain its clients. A trade-in department has been opened (old Subarus for new). Large newspaper ads have been proclaiming that Subaru is still the "people's car." The Grand Leone's price has been squeezed down until it must be hurting.

If there is anything to be learned from the rise and fall of Subaru as the No. 1 automobile here, it's that Israelis don't drive for pleasure. Drivers contend with a difficult climate, exhausting traffic jams and some roads which would disgrace a Third World country. They need an efficient air-conditioner, comfortable seats, loud stereo, power steering and all the other gizmos that ease the nightmare of driving.

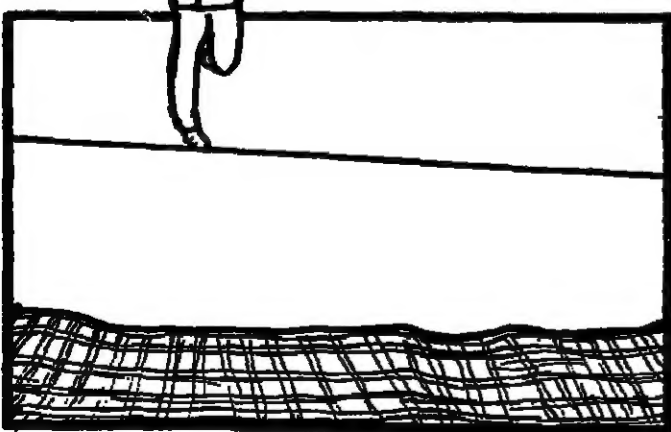
"Israelis want the car to be an extension of their home, not a means of transport," Colmotor's sales manager Moshe Nagal once said, not entirely in jest. "After all, they pay nearly as much for some cars as for apartments."

But money will have the last word. The car-buyer craves reliability, low running cost and high resale value because - unlike anywhere else in the world - buying a car here is regarded as a medium-term investment to hedge against inflation.

## Subaru's sliding statistics

YEAR	Total sales	Japanese share %	Mitsubishi share %	Subaru share %
1989	60,000	43	10	30
1990	65,000	13	32	60
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SHERLOCK Holmes would have made the perfect bridge player. His deductions and investigations into the past-board world of distributions and high-card points would allow him to find the clues for solving the most difficult bridge problems.

Perhaps this is why the English love the game so much. Today's deal was played in the premier tournament in England, the Macallan/Sunday Times Pairs, in which 16 world-famous partnerships are invited to compete over the course of four days. The Macallan is not only a top-flight event, but boasts the most elegant surroundings, with ballrooms packed with kibitzers and all the participants wearing black tie.

The hero of today's hand was Robert Sheehan, one of England's top players for more than 25 years. He was South in the diagram, partnered by Munir Ata-Ullah, also of London, but famous in bridge for his flamboyant play as a member of the Pakistani bridge team, "Moony," as he is known, makes moon-like bids at the table, often confusing his opponents and partner alike. Lucky for him, there are two opponents to one partner, and he has been quite successful in many a gambit.

In today's deal, Moony took a shot with a slam bid after his partner took out a double of five clubs to five spades.

The double of five clubs is not a pure takeout request. You would double five clubs with many strong hands that don't hold support for both majors. So when your partner pulls the double, it is generally considered that he has a very long, strong suit of his own. In this case, Sheehan, by nature a conservative player, held a seven-card suit, though relatively weak, and still pulled the double. When Moony heard this, he gambled the slam.

West, Geir Helgemo, the 22-year-old prodigy from Norway, led the king of clubs and it became Sheehan's job to make 12 tricks.

At first sight, this seemed like an easy task. As long as the trump suit behaved (that is, it divided 2-1), there would be at most one loser on the hand, in diamonds.

But when Sheehan won the first trick with the ace of clubs and led the ace of spades, he received the bad news that West was void and East held a certain trump trick in the queen.

Many declarers at this point would shrug their shoulders, draw the remaining trumps, allowing East to win his queen and return a heart, then try to guess the diamond position. Because it is unlikely that a player is dealt both a void and a singleton, most declarers in Sheehan's shoes would lead the ace of diamonds and a diamond toward the dummy. This would result in the loss of a second trick and the slam would be down one.

"Unlucky," they might tell their partner. "A void and a singleton in the West hand. How could I have known?"

This is where Sherlock Holmes thinking comes in. A good detective does as much investigative work as possible before he tries to "guess" the solution. In bridge, this translates to playing other suits (not the key suit) in order to get clues to the distribution of the vital suit.

Sheehan, with whom I once lunched on Baker Street, is of the Holmes school of thinking. After he saw West show out in trumps, he led the seven of clubs from dummy, trumping in his hand. Next he cashed the king of hearts and led a second trump to dummy's king. Now the ace of hearts was cashed, a diamond discarded from the South hand, and a heart was ruffed in hand. Finally a third round of trumps was played to East.

At this point, West could be counted on to hold eight clubs for his majestic preempt to five clubs and three hearts, which he had shown on the three rounds of hearts that had been played. That amounted to 11 cards. Were the other two cards diamonds? No, Watson.

East, in with the third round of trumps, exited safely with a heart, and when West followed, declarer realized that West could hold only one diamond at most. If that diamond were an honor, Sheehan could make the slam. He led a diamond to dummy's king. When the jack came up on his left, he was well-placed to lead the 10 of diamonds from dummy and finesse East's queen.

It was excellent deductive card reading from Sheehan, thought the kibitzers, though Sheehan modestly said it required only a bit of detective work. In fact, later it was pointed out that East could have fooled declarer's counting plan by returning a diamond when in with the trump queen. This is not an easy return on the surface, but Sherlock Holmes might have explained it thus:

"East knows that South holds seven spades, one heart, one club and, thus, four diamonds. West then holds a singleton diamond. If East returns a heart, he will be helping declarer count West's entire hand. So a diamond return is the only safe return, and East must presume that partner's singleton is the jack and that declarer will now play for the diamonds to be divided 2-2."

I doubt, however, that Holmes would have the gall to add "elementary" to this brilliant deduction.



The bushy bindweed ('havalbal hasiah') is more like a shrub than a vine.

## Wild morning glories

NATURE

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

THE little wild morning glory, *convolvulus* in Latin and *havalbal* in Hebrew, are all over fields, orchards, citrus groves and gardens at this time of year. Unlike the true morning glory, *Ipomoea*, this climbing and creeping plant has small, discreet but ever so lovely trumpet-like flowers.

There are four species in Israel of *convolvulus*, or bindweed, and two of them, the silky bindweed (*Convolvulus stachydifolius*) or *havalbal meshi* and the mallow-leaved bindweed (*C. althaeoides* or *havalbal kapani*), grow almost everywhere in the country.

And wherever you see the silky bindweed you are almost certain to find the field bindweed (*C. arvensis*, *havalbal hasadeh*) growing together with it. However, the field bindweed has snowy white flowers, providing a good complement to the pink of the silky bindweed. The former derives its common name from the resemblance of its leaves and flowers to the common mallow, while the latter gets its name from the rich, silken texture of its petals.

These plants are especially noticeable on the Coastal Plain where they often climb up the cypress trees that were planted as a windbreak. At times their white or pink blossoms completely cover these trees, making a spectacular display.

This, of course, is not the best thing for a tree and consequently farmers consider the bindweed a pest. But much as these plants love to climb, they can also creep if there's nothing to climb on, and they are often seen on the ground in gardens and planted fields. In the garden they can be a real nuisance since they climb on and bind plants, often weighing them to the ground.

Bindweeds are perennial and although the above-ground parts disappear in winter, the roots remain alive. With the warmth of spring they send out new shoots, blooming prolifically from April until about July. Like all morning glories the flowers open with the first light and close at the end of the day. Each flower blooms only once but they are so abundant that there is never a day without blossoms.

In addition to propagation from the roots the *convolvulus* also seeds itself freely.

The third type of bindweed is the bushy bindweed (*C. dorycnium* or *havalbal hasiah*) which is more like a shrub than a vine although the peripheral tendrils do twine around stems and such. It also has pinkish blossoms and the stems and leaves completely dry out in summer. This species grows mostly in the eastern parts of Israel. It looks, from a distance, like a low, pink-flowered shrub.

## Soulless chess books

CHESS

NIGEL DAVIES

MODERN chess is very much result-oriented. The main objective is not to play a nice, interesting chess game but to beat the other guy into submission and notch up a point on the score table. In the world of professional chess this approach is even more pronounced, and for most top players it seems that chess has come to mean little more than efficiency, rating, money and glory.

This is reflected in modern chess literature. Comparing the chess books of today with those published earlier this century can be disheartening. Instead of those nice old manuals, tournament books and game collections, we now have Batford's endless stream of "Winning With" pot-boilers which with few notable exceptions resemble little more than computer printouts.

Informa is now published in three volumes per year, and they've have started producing volumes on a single encyclopedia number. This will give us a possible 500 languageless collections of opening data from A00 to E99.

From the "Winning With" series I have really liked only Mark Taimanov's *Winning with the Sicilian* and Joe Gallagher's *Winning with the King's Gambit*, because it was only in these books that I felt the authors had invested a little bit of their souls.

For professional players I suppose that Anatoly Karpov's treatises on different openings are also interesting, mainly because they have to win to eat. But where is the fun in chess these days, the joy of creativity and the responsibility of defending your point of view?

One of the last bastions of chess art here is in Moshe Czerniak's old club, Bikuerei Ha'itim. Today's membership includes some old pupils, to whom he has passed on a feel for chess esthetics.

One of the club's stalwarts, Amatzia Avni, is also proving to be one of the more interesting contemporary chess authors. His first book, entitled *Creative Chess* (Cadogan), won rave reviews and became a bestseller, which does seem to indicate that the public is looking for something more from chess than they're presently getting. And now his second work has appeared, *Danger In Chess* (Cadogan).

Avni examines the psychological origins of blunders and oversights in the context of some wonderful material. But it seems to me that the book's apparent aim, to be a practical guide to the avoidance of blunders, masks a powerful statement that chess is an art. Karpov's latest work for Batford is entitled *Winning With the Spanish*. In the following game,

from the 1971 Soviet Championship in Leningrad, we see him practicing what he preaches.

Karpov, A - Tseitlin, M

Spanish Opening

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5  
The Schliemann Variation is a favorite of Tseitlin, and he has even written a book on it. Actually it is quite logical to try and show that b5 is not the best square for White's bishop.

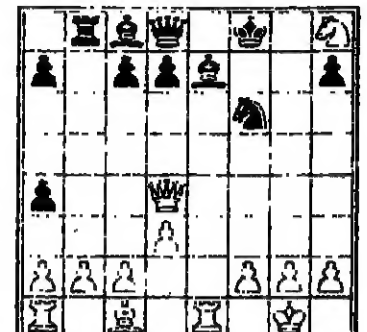
4.Nc3 Nd4 5.Ba4 Nf6 6.Nxe5 fxe4 7.0-0 Be5 8.Nxe4?

It has to be said that this is quite uncharacteristic of Karpov given that N.d3 is simple and good.

8...Nxe4 9.Qh5+ g6 10.Nxg6 Nf6?

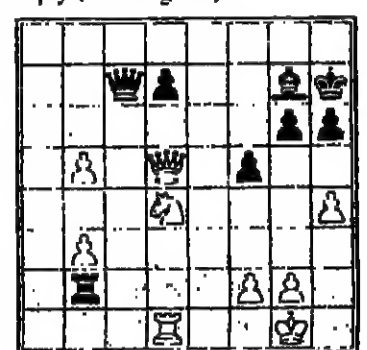
Viktor Korchnoi later pointed out the correct line for Black: 10...Qg5 11.Qxg5 Nxg5 12.Nxh8 b5 13.Bb3 Nxh3 14.xh3 Bd4. Tseitlin's move succumbs rapidly.

11.Qe5+ Be7 12.Nxh8 b5 13.Qxd4 bxa4 14.Re1 Kf8 15.d3 Rb8 (see diagram)



16.Qe5! Threatening 17.Bh6+. 16...Ng8 17.Qh5 Kg7 Or 17...Qe8 18.Qxh7 Rb8 19.Re4 etc. 18.Nf7 Qe8 19.Bh6+ Nxh6 20.Qxh6+ Kx7 21.Qxh7 Kf8 Or 21...Kf6 22.Re4. 22.Re3 Rb6 23.Rg3 1-0

THIS WEEK'S problem is from Avni's book. The unsuspecting Alon Greenfield, playing White against Judit Polgar in the 1989 European Team Championships in Haifa, has just moved his pawn from h3 to h4. What was Black's reply (see diagram)?



The solution to last week's problem (Karpov - Gurevich) was 1.Qe5+!! after which 1...Qxe5 2.g4 is mate.

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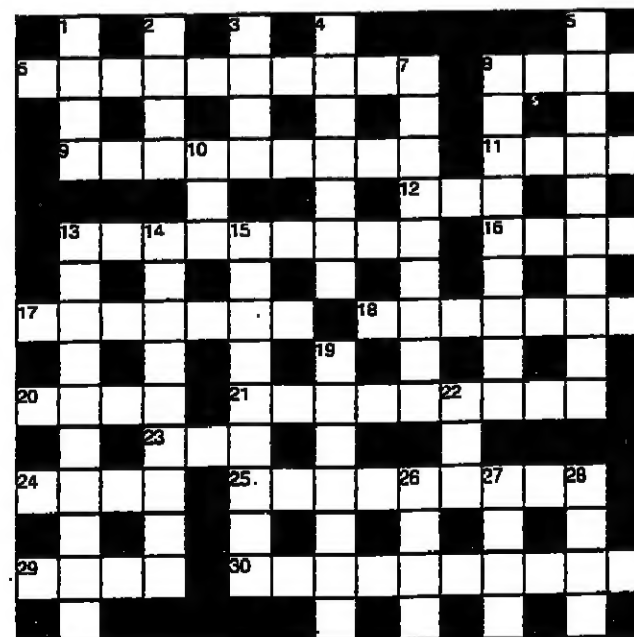
## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 6 Succeeding in achieving detachment (7,3)
- 8 Sign nothing in front of the male sex (4)
- 9 Merchantman about to be captured by a soldier (9)
- 11 Golfing supporters currently found in the North (4)
- 12 A jeer is a surprising sound (3)
- 13 Account for persistent French article (9)
- 16 "For man is man and master of his" (Tennyson) (4)
- 17 Cockney fellow has reason for arousing strong feeling (7)
- 18 Firm stem (7)
- 20 Fat man embraced by an earth mother (4)

DOWN

- 1 Polish expert (4)
- 2 Hint left in a reminder (4)
- 3 Coating silver with tin presents a problem (4)
- 4 An intermediary needs to study diplomacy (7)
- 5 Container for mushroom steeped in mulled treacle (10)



- 21 Fix another time to put up the oven (9)
- 23 Butter for batter (3)
- 24 Boss makes union leader put in trunk-line system (4)
- 25 I shall get a card if embarrassed (3,2,4)
- 29 Spell a word (4)
- 30 Rating going wildly into action gets belittled (10)

## SOLUTIONS

CORRESPOND N A  
T A B A E M A I N  
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Yesterday's Quick Solution  
ACROSS: 7 Hissed, 8 Tories, 10 Remains, 11 Globe, 12 Even, 13 Brave, 17 Merge, 18 Mara, 22 Jeans, 23 Tension, 24 Centre, 25 Design.

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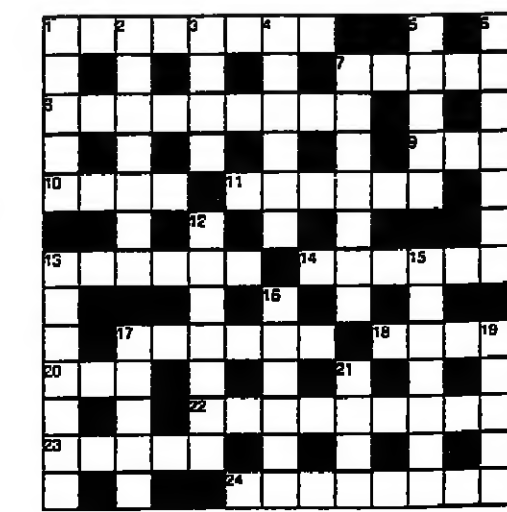
## QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Slumbering (8)
- 7 Parturition (5)
- 8 Make vicious (9)
- 9 Type of lettuce (3)
- 10 Precious stone (4)
- 11 Comment (5)
- 13 Spanish rice dish (6)
- 14 Lethal (6)
- 17 Think highly of (9)
- 18 Failure (4)
- 20 Rustic dance (3)
- 22 Haberdasher (9)
- 23 Become less tense (5)
- 24 Decapitated (8)

DOWN

- 1 Not drunk (5)
- 2 Even-tempered (7)
- 3 Scheme (4)
- 4 Caught redhanded (6)
- 5 Completely ruin (5)
- 6 Spectral (7)
- 7 Scolded (7)
- 12 Bewilder (7)
- 13 Breach of oath (7)
- 15 Made wider (7)
- 16 Twist about in pain (6)
- 17 Supple (5)
- 19 Trimmed (5)
- 21 Ten-cent coin (4)





## The mysterious community at Qumran

Decades of research on the Dead Sea Scrolls have resulted in a plethora of theories about the settlement at Qumran, Abraham Rabinovich reports

IT'S a stout military fortress. No, it's a spartan monastery. It must be a luxurious villa. Looks like a workaday farmstead from here. Hang on, it's a temporary retreat for middle-aged males.

Half a century of intense research on the Dead Sea Scroll sect by brilliant scholars from around the world has brought not consensus but ever-growing uncertainty about the nature of the compound at Qumran where it made its home.

The uncertainty does not lie with the individual scholars themselves, who are generally firm of view, but with the general public confronted with the fact that these strongly held views so often oppose each other.

At a symposium this week in the hushed premises of the Taatur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem, a discussion by a select group of scholars illuminated these differences in lively fashion but without the crankiness that so often colors Dead Sea Scroll gatherings.

Magen Broshi, curator of the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Israel Museum, made the case for the mainstream proposal by the excavator of Qumran, the late Pere Roland de Vaux, who saw the site as a monastery that housed members of the Essene sect who wrote the scrolls.

That view had been almost uni-

versally accepted when first proposed and, as Broshi noted, it went unchallenged for some 25 years. The archeological evidence fitted in well with the accounts of ancient writers like Pliny and Josephus about the Essenes.

In more recent years, Prof. Norman Golb of the University of Chicago has argued that Qumran was a desert fortress and had nothing to do with the scrolls found in the nearby caves. The scrolls, Golb said, were brought from Jerusalem and hidden in the caves in the first century CE as the Roman army approached Jerusalem.

More recently, a Belgian scholar has argued publicly that Qumran was an agricultural villa at which balsam perfume was produced. This interpretation, Broshi said, fails to take into account the distance of Qumran from balsam-growing areas.

Two new studies, published for the first time in *The Jerusalem Post* two weeks ago, conclude independently that the Dead Sea Scrolls sect was not the group that founded Qumran in the second century BCE. It had moved into existing premises, they found, around the middle of the first century BCE.

Yitzhak Magen and Amir Drori, who conducted excavations at the site late last year, said it began as a Hasmonean agricultural settlement. Pere Jean-Baptiste



Some Dead Sea Scroll scholars insist that the Qumran caves were used for habitation; others say there is no evidence to support this claim.

Humbert of the Ecole Biblique, who is preparing the final report on the excavations of De Vaux, said it was founded as a Hasmonean pleasure villa.

Humbert suggests that, after the Essenes arrived, they initially carried out cultic practices and animal sacrifices, creating in effect a

substitute temple for the one in Jerusalem.

The findings that there had been a pre-Essene period at Qumran—a hitherto unmentioned possibility—appeared to be received with a sympathetic ear by the symposium participants.

Broshi termed it "quite plausible," even though it digressed from De Vaux's reading. The new dating appears likely to become part of the limited scholarly consensus regarding Qumran.

Its significance, however, was questioned by Broshi. He dismissed Humbert's suggestion about cultic practices at Qumran,

pointing out that there is no hint in any of the scrolls of such practices. In addition, he said the Qumran community was arch-conservative and thus unlikely to defy holy writ by conducting temple practices outside Jerusalem.

Prof. Emanuel Tov, chief editor of the Dead Sea Scrolls publication project, asked Broshi what evidence exists that Qumran was a monastery housing an all-male community.

Broshi cited the communal nature of the installations. "There was only one kitchen, unlike on Masada, where you have scores of stoves all over the place," he said. "There was only one dining hall, one pantry, one potter's workshop. They ate together."

As for the remains of a small number of women and children found in the cemetery at Qumran, these could have been relatives brought from afar for burial, he said. "There are signs of coffins, and the bones were piled in secondary burial as if they had been brought there."

Archeologist Joseph Patrick, an authority on the caves and ancient monasteries of the Judean Desert, agreed with the monastery thesis but said Qumran supported a much smaller population than De Vaux, Broshi and others contended.

Unlike them, he did not believe members of the community also lived in caves or in temporary structures like tents or huts outside the Qumran compound.

"In the desert, even if you raise a Beduin tent it leaves a trace," he said. "If you raise stones they stand for thousands of years. If they had built huts they would have had to be strong enough to withstand winds and winter storms, and they should leave signs."

There are no indications of such temporary abodes around Qumran, he said, and no evidence has been found in the caves to suggest prolonged habitation. "I have to conclude that no more than 50 people lived at Qumran [at any one time]."

Broshi, who sees a population closer to 150, insisted that some of the artificially dug caves in the area—most of the scroll caves were artificial—were used for habitation. "The best solution prior to the invention of air conditioning

was living in a cave," he said. Patrick saw the large dining hall as an argument against the site being a fortress. "In Roman times the soldiers ate in small groups, in squads, and they ate on particular kinds of dishes we don't find at Qumran. You didn't have a battalion eating in a refectory."

However, Prof. Shmaryah Talmon of the Hebrew University found it hard to reconcile Patrick's small population estimate with the 1,200 graves found at Qumran—particularly in view of the shortened period now being attributed to the sect's stay at Qumran (about a century).

"If only 50 persons lived there where do all the graves come from?" he asked.

Qumran, he said, was only the spiritual spearhead of a community which had *mahanot*, or camps, all over the country.

"They lived normal lives with their families in the *mahanot*," Talmon said. "I believe that Qumran was not a monastery but a place of retreat to which they came for a certain number of years. I think that somewhere between the ages of 30 and 40, male members paid their dues to the community by dedicating themselves here for a period of time."

"They called themselves 'Those Who Enter The Renewed Covenant' and regarded themselves as the first renewed link in the chain of generations of Israel since the destruction of the First Temple."

This interpretation, said Talmon, would explain the burial of family members in the Qumran cemetery, because the members of the community indeed had families. But if they were only temporary sojourners, said Prof. James VanderKam, that makes the large number of graves even more inexplicable since they would not have lived out their lives there.

Longevity, parried Talmon, was not then what it is today and the retreat would prove to be the final retreat for some—the steady turnover accounting for the large number of such deaths.

Even today, said Talmon, there are people who go to London for a two-week holiday and end up spending an eternity there.

The debate over Qumran, it is safe to say, will continue and, in view of the recent findings, with renewed vigor.

## In sickness and in health: Friendship that isn't just diplomatic

GRAPEVINE  
GREER FAY CASHMAN

THE FOREIGN Ministry had already approved his successor, and his wife, Nagwa, one of the leading lights on the local social scene, had begun giving farewell interviews to the media.

Then came notification from Cairo that Mohamed Bassiouny, currently recuperating from open-heart surgery, would serve as Egypt's ambassador to Israel for yet another year. Bassiouny, who has been here for 14 years, nearly eight of them as ambassador, was to have completed his tour of duty this summer.

The extension may enable him to see a wish come true. At President Ezer Weizman's Independence Day reception for diplomats, Bassiouny had voiced the hope that next year he would not be the sole representative of an Arab country here. Weizman, a close personal friend who was with Bassiouny when he was wheeled into the operating theater and who came to visit him afterwards, will undoubtedly be glad to greet him with or without envoys from other Arab states.

HAVE US ambassadors launched a competition for short stays in Israel? None who came after Sam Lewis—here from 1977 to 1985—has stayed anywhere near as long.

Thomas Pickering, who succeeded Lewis, was here for three-and-a-half years. William Brown, who served as second in command to Lewis from 1979 to 1982, succeeded Pickering and was replaced after three years by William Harrop, who lasted only 16 months. Brown returned for an interim six-month period as charge d'affaires with the title of ambassador.

Edward Djerejian, who arrived



Egyptian Ambassador Mohamed Bassiouny and his wife Nagwa remain the leading lights of the local diplomatic scene. (Malabani)

in January this year, resigned earlier this month for what he said were personal reasons to take up the top administrative position at the Baker Institute in Texas.

But it is generally thought that Djerejian, who was previously his country's ambassador to Syria and served in other senior diplomatic posts in Jordan, Lebanon and Morocco, was angry because Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Middle East peace talks coordinator Dennis Ross were closing him out of top-level discussions.

IF YOU liked the movie *The Name of the Rose* and are waiting for *Foucault's Pendulum*, forget it. Superstar Italian author Umberto Eco did not criticize the film of his first novel, but he wasn't pleased that many people bought the book

only after seeing the movie, thus taking prepackaged images into their first experience of the novel. He has therefore turned down all offers to film his second bestseller, to give it time—"at least 30 years"—to be read.

"Imagine," he said, "if Moses had made the movie immediately after the Exodus, we would read the Bible through Mr. de Mille."

Eco was in Jerusalem this week as the guest of Mishkenot Sha'ananim and the Italian Cultural Institute to receive an honorary doctorate from Tel Aviv University. He gave a talk on "The Esthetics of the Temple in the Middle Ages" as part of a lecture series on "Jerusalem: Sacred City, Religious Center."

Asked if it was true that he was an author who had achieved the

status of a pop star, Eco said: "Journalists need to transform everything to pop status to make their stories more brilliant." It made one wonder why, in that case, a pop star author holds a news conference.

STRIKING SOCIAL workers have a champion in the household of Finance Minister Abraham Shohat. Tama Shohat, the minister's wife and daughter of former prime minister Levi Eshkol, was a social worker until seven years ago.

She has been heard to say on more than one occasion that social workers' salaries are too low. Still working in a related field but for a private firm, Tama Shohat is a social welfare counselor to economically disadvantaged people and new immigrants.

EMPATHETIC TRAVEL: Trevor Gurewitz, an importer of wheelchair cushions and seating systems for the disabled, is launching a campaign to put all cabinet ministers in wheelchairs for a day.

Gurewitz, a paraplegic, originally imported equipment unavailable here, for his own personal use. Although most wheelchairs are very sophisticated, those confined to them have to use the road instead of the pavement, which for many disabled people is a daily terrifying experience.

Urban planners and local councils, Gurewitz says, don't make pavements sufficiently accessible to wheelchairs, and even when mounting the curb is not a problem, the pavement is often too narrow for wheelchair navigation.

Once cabinet ministers experience first-hand some of the difficulties faced by the disabled, Gurewitz believes the approach to town planning and to funding for the needs of the disabled will change.

NAME DROPPING: A student by the name of Chaim Weizman this week received his science degree at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot. Frequently confused with both the first and seventh presidents of the state, the new graduate, hassles notwithstanding,

is quite proud of his John Hancock and has no plans to change it.

NEGATIVE REVIEWS and tough competition from cable television and Dado Topaz's fast-paced entertainment show on the New Channel 2 are all factors in what appears to be the permanent exit of Rivka Michaeli from Channel 1's Friday night line-up. Michaeli, after a decade of presenting Friday night variety shows on television, will not be returning in that capacity after the summer recess.

A popular and highly talented comedienne, Michaeli has been advised by the critics to stick to what she does best.



Rivka Michaeli exits from Channel 1 as critics tell her to stick to comedy. (Mula Eshkol)

court settlement of NIS 102,000, which was equivalent to six months' salary. At that rate, it's almost worth being fired. The usual arrangement is a month's salary for every year worked, not for every month.

SEPARATE WAYS: It was a fairy-tale wedding when blonde rock singer Riki Gal married Israeli Television police reporter Uri Cohen-Aharonov nearly three years ago. For Gal it was a third attempt at marital bliss. For Cohen-Aharonov, it was the first time around. But last week, the two decided to call it quits.

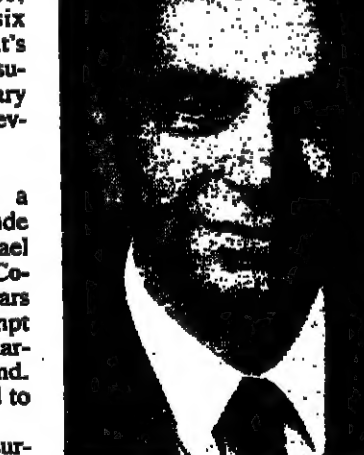
A few days later, former Eurovision winner Gali Atari disclosed that she and her PI husband Uri Hershowitz were going their separate ways after five years of marriage. Also splitting up are film director and actor Yehuda Barkan and Ilana Blisla, the beautiful live-in companion for whom he forsook the bright lights of Tel Aviv. The couple were together for a year.

AFTER YEARS of resistance, second generation Jerusalemite Shuki Kook is allowing himself to be lured to Tel Aviv. An industrial

photographer with one of the largest and best equipped studios in the country, Kook is departing in protest against the capital's policy of retaining advertising and public relations firms from Tel Aviv instead of providing income opportunities for local communicators.

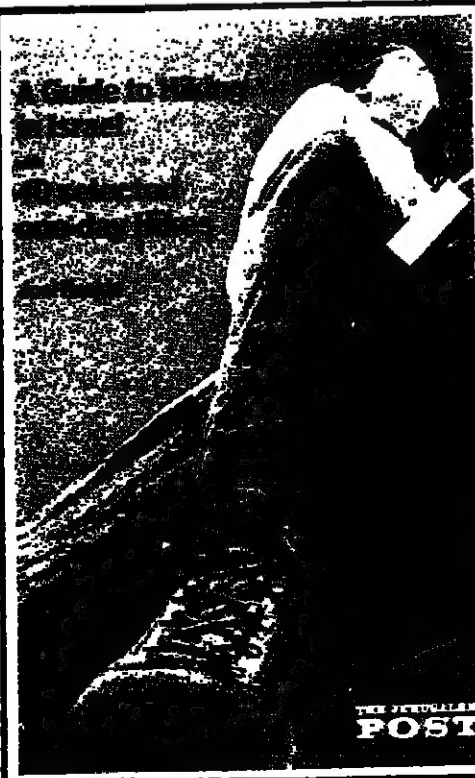
Ironically, once he becomes a permanent feature on the Tel Aviv media circuit, Kook will be acknowledged as the expert on Jerusalem and will be employed on more projects in the capital than elsewhere.

AND TALKING OF Jerusalem, former mayor Teddy Kollek, who celebrates his 83rd birthday today, is not the least bit excited by Haim Ramon's stated intention of moving the Histadrut's headquarters



US Ambassador Djerejian: Said to have left out of top-level discussions.

from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The pledge, according to Kollek, has been made by every Histadrut secretary-general from Yitzhak Ben-Aharon onwards but, has never honored, even though the city allocated land for the purpose. "Still," says Kollek, "Ramon has done some extraordinary things, so perhaps he will come to Jerusalem."



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